

Welcome to Bug Club!



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school has recently expanded access to our online reading programme called Bug Club for Year 3 pupils.

Below you will find key information about the scheme and how you can get involved. We hope that you and your child will love these books and enjoy reading them at home.

What is Bug Club?

Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them. These books are made available to our children as online versions in every printed title, which learners can access through their own personalised website.

Using the online reading world

Your child can enjoy reading **Bug Club** books online using their unique homepage by logging into it by following these steps:

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter the login details.
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

Reading a book online

We allocate books to your child according to their reading levels as well as accounting for their current phonological awareness. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepages.

Throughout the books, there are quiz questions for your child to complete. To answer a question, just click on the bug icon. Your child does not need to finish all the quiz questions in one sitting and can come back to a book later.

When your child has finished all the quiz questions in a book, he or she will earn 'ActiveLearn Coins'. By reading more books, your child will earn enough coins to 'buy' a reward in one of the many reward schemes. The answers to the quiz questions will be sent back to our teacher site so that we can see how your child is progressing. We will also be able to assign more books for your child to read if the virtual book bag is running low.

When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library'. Children can read these books again if they want to, or they can choose new books from 'My Stuff'.

Getting involved

The reader

Until they are fluent readers, younger children will benefit from reading aloud to you as often as possible. When sharing a book with your child, try to take opportunities to talk about the book - before, during and after reading. Below are some helpful pointers on how to focus your child's reading in order to maximize the learning opportunities these sessions provide for them:

Before reading: look at the book cover and talk about your child's expectations. Is the book likely to be fiction or non-fiction? Have you read other books together about these characters or by this author? What does your child think the book is going to be about?

While reading: support your child when unknown words need tackling by sounding them out, splitting them into syllables and identifying suffixes and prefixes. Remind your child to listen to the words while reading them, to make sure that they make sense. Have a 'meaning check' every now and again to ensure that your child understands the text.

After reading: talk about the book. What was it about? Did it match your child's expectations? Ask questions beginning with the words *how* and *why* to check that your child has been able to read between the lines. Ask whether anything seemed puzzling. Then ask your child to explain what the best and worst bits of the book were, and why.

We hope that you find Bug Club a useful online resource that enhances and runs alongside the reading experiences we already provide for your child. This online programme can be used to supplement the decodables your child will be provided with each week.

Kind Regards,

The Year Three and English Team