

Welcome to Bug Club Phonics!



Dear Parent or Carer,

Our school use a reading programme called Bug Club Phonics that we'd like to share with you.

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.

Learning to read

The programme follows an approach of synthesising phonemes associated with graphemes a child sees; or put another way, learning to read by blending the sounds associated with the letters a child sees. The programme is the product of extensive research on the best way to teach children how to read.

All the books in Bug Club Phonics have been finely-levelled to ensure that all children can read books at exactly the right level for them. What's more, there are online versions for every printed title and a personalised website for each child.

Using the online reading world

If you have access to an internet connection, your child can enjoy reading Bug Club Phonics books online. Each child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:



Pupil homepage

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

(See attached bookmark for login details.)

Reading a book online



We will allocate books to your child related to the sounds being taught in class. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepage.

The children will also have access to the physical books in school.

The eBooks have three main additional features to help your child. Find them in the 'Independent' section of 'My Stuff'.

- **Phoneme pronunciation guide:** click on the bug icon to hear some of the phonemes (sounds) in the book.
- **Read to me:** after your child has had a go at reading the book, you can click on this to hear the text read out loud e.g. to help your child with giving expression.
- **Quiz question:** click on the second bug icon within the book to answer a question designed to reinforce your child's learning. Their answers will be sent back to our teacher site so that we can see how your child is progressing.

When your child has finished the book and attempted the quiz questions, 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.

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'.

The texts are there to support learning You do not need to add them to reading diaries if you don't want to.

Learning and playing games online



As well as the online books, there are fun games which can help your child to remember their sounds.

Once a new sound has been introduced in school, we will allocate the related games to your child's homepage.

You will also find these games in the 'My Stuff' area on their homepage.

Need help?

We have uploaded a complete Bug Club Phonics walk-through for parents onto our website and facebook page.

If your child is having trouble using the pupil world, help can also be found in the Help Section of ActiveLearn Primary (in the top right-hand corner of the website).

(Please note: We strongly recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers with ActiveLearn. If you prefer to use Internet Explorer, please check you have at least IE9 in order for everything to work as it should.)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.