



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading at Home

We use the Bug Club phonics and reading scheme in school. Children read scheme books that are accurately matched to the sounds they are learning. Every week, the children are introduced to at least 2 new sounds or phonemes. To ensure that the children progress in their phonological knowledge, it is very important to practice what they have learnt. Every week the children are given words that include the specific sounds they have learnt within that week. The children know that to read these words they need to blend their sounds together. Once they can do this, they re-read the words until they can say them without blending. This should not be an onerous task. Little and often is the key.

As you know, we have recently introduced Boom Reader to record reading at home. Understandably, there have been many questions about how the scheme works and, for example, how often children's books are changed.

Hopefully the following will help to address some of these questions.

- Children take home Bug Club books and a library book if they so wish.
- When you read with your child, please record a comment on the Boom Reader App. The children can read as often as they like but we recommend that children read at least three times a week at home. The children will receive a reward if they consistently read at least three times a week. Home reading is essential to reinforce learning and to improve reading skills.
- The children's books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday after the children have read. If you would like to read more books, Bug Club books are also available online. If you can, please record any online reading on Boom Reader too as the children can benefit from reading rewards.
- Our reward scheme will start fully after half term.

Instructions on how to access Bug Club resources will follow below. The children can read their allocated book and, if they want, complete the tasks related to the book.

Mrs Leng will also be holding a phonics meeting to discuss how we teach phonics in school. This will take place after half term.

We know that, with your support, your children will continue to make great progress. If you have any queries about reading in school, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.



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Logging on to Bug Club:

The children have already been given log in details in previous years. We have updated the children's details to their new class.

- Go to <https://activelearnprimary.co.uk>
- Type in your username and password. The school code is 3sgx
- Bug Club will take you to My Stuff.
- Choose the book you want to read.
- On the first page you will see a green bug. Click on the bug to complete the warm up activity.
- Read the book.
- On the last page you will see another green bug. Click on the green bug to complete an activity that will reinforce the children's understanding of what they have read.

If you have any difficulties logging on to Boom Reader or Bug Club, please speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Mrs Leng

