



Bug Club Parent Guidelines



During this time of school closure we are lucky that our core reading scheme for P3-7 is online. We have set out some guidelines for its use during the time children are learning from home.

P3-7

- Your child will be issued their reading as normal during this time.
- Books will be issued on the usual day and teachers will be recording home learning scores as they would be if children were in class.
- Please ensure that children log on and look out for books being added.

P1-2

In order for children to access reading materials during the closure we have issued children in P1 and 2 with Bug Club usernames.

You will have a letter explaining Bug Club in more detail - please take some time to have a look at the website with your child. Bug Club and ORT differ in that due to the interactive nature of Bug Club, in addition to decoding skills we are able to develop other reading skills such as inference and prediction and knowledge and use of aspects of grammar. To accompany the books we have given you some ideas for questions and discussions round the book. Please use these with your child to talk about the story. When children return to school they will continue with their ORT Reading programme.

- Your child's teacher will issue your child a reading book on the same day they would normally send home a new ORT book. You will find this book in the "My Stuff" tab on your child's homepage. Once read it will go into their "Library" where it will stay.
- There may see little bug faces on pages of the book as your child reads it. Have them click on the bug and see if they can read and answer the question independently.
- You will know the reading is complete if all the bugs eyes are closed at the end of the book. (not all books have bug questions).
- Explore the homepage. Children will be able to collect coins with every book read and can use these to decorate a tree house or to play some games. They can also choose from 3 different homepages.
- Please try to read with your child as much as possible. When books have been read they go into your child's Library and can accessed as many times as you like. They will be able to revisit any book they have already read so this will build up over time with titles.
- A top tip is to use Firefox to access Bug Club. For some reason Explorer is problematic.

