

Welcome to Bug Club!

Dear Parent or Carer,

Due to school closure we are allocating all children with a Bug Club account.



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 reading scheme, which ensures that all children are allocated books at the right level for them. A key focus of this scheme is comprehension and not simply de-coding (reading) the text.

You will find inside the front cover, notes which will help you support your child reading the book.

Inside back cover: these notes suggest puzzles and challenges that help children think about their reading. These include 'Find it!' activities that encourage children to revisit the text; 'Share it!' tasks that may involve making or writing something, and other ideas that offer ideas for further reading.

Using the online reading world

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

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter the login details. (The school code is ckjj)
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

Reading a book online

We allocate books to your child according to their reading levels. 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.

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

Young children benefit from reading aloud, please listen to your child reading as often as possible. Children also benefit from reading for enjoyment and hearing stories. There is an option to hear the story being read to your child, they can click on the icon to hear the story.

Young children are often experts in memorizing their texts, point to words out of sequence to ensure they are able to read and not simply memorizing the words they have heard. For extra practise write out a sentence from the book on a strip of paper, cut out the words and ask your child to sequence the words correctly.

Sharing reading

When sharing a book with your child, try to take opportunities to talk about the book - before, during and after reading.

Before reading: look at the book cover and talk about what they think it is going to be about. 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: you can sound them out, split them into syllables, or identify 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 they enjoy it? 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 talk about their favourite part of the book, and why.

Need help?

Bug Club can be accessed via tablets, laptops and desktop computers. If your child is having trouble using the pupil world, help can 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. On a tablet/i-Pad you may have to 'allow pop-ups' in the tablet settings.

Thanks for your support,

P1 and P2 Team