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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware our school has a subscription to the online reading programme called Bug Club. During these uncertain times of extended school closures, it has become apparent that Bug Club is a vital tool in ensuring that your children have access to appropriate reading material at home. Below is some key information about the scheme and how you can get involved. Should you have any issues or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher through the year group email address that you have been provided with.

I hope that you and your child will love these books and enjoy reading them at home. Happy reading!

Take care,

Miss Johnson
EYFS and Key Stage 1 English and Phonics Lead

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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. 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 books online. Each child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:

- Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
- Enter the login details which should have been emailed or texted to you by your child's class teacher. The school code is **kxtj**
- Once you have entered these details your child's homepage will appear.

Reading a book online

Your child's class teacher will allocate books to your child according to their reading level. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepage. 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 your child's class teacher so that they can see how your child is progressing. Your child's class teacher, 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'. Your child will be able to read these books again if they want to, or they can choose new books from 'My Stuff'.

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Getting involved

The reader

Until they are fluent readers, younger children will benefit from reading aloud to you as often as possible. By the time they are in Years 5 or 6, many children prefer to read silently to themselves. Create quiet opportunities for them to do so, but then talk to them about the book they are reading.

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 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: 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 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.

Need help?

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).

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