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Welcome to Bug Club!

Dear Parent,

We are very excited to remind you of a brilliant online reading resource called Bug Club we use in our school, children in Year One and Year Two will be very familiar with Bug Club. This web based resource contains hundreds of ebooks that your child can also access at home via a tablet or computer.

From the 21st September your child will have their own user name and password which provide them with access to all the ebooks available on bug club in their current book band or phonics phase e.g. Phase 3 phonics (this is set by their current class teacher).

To access this Go to **www.activelearnprimary.co.uk**

1. Enter the login details.

Username: first four letters of first name and first four letters of surname (e.g. John Smith would be johnsmit if your child has less than 4 letters in one of their names eg. Ann Smith – this would be annsmit

Password: your child's current class name in lower case (e.g. cherry)

School code: (Contact school if you do not have this)

2. Your child's homepage will appear.

Reading a book online

We allocate books to your child according to the phonics they are learning. 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. We 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'. Children can read these books again if they want to, or they can choose new books from 'My Stuff'.

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 Year 2, children may 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).

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.

Happy reading,

Telford Infant School Team

