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## Online Reading Programme – Bug Club

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school we have identified that, while schools were closed to the majority of children, children did not have access to high quality books as libraries were also closed. After conducting research into the best online reading scheme available, we have purchased a reading programme called **Bug Club** that we'd like to share with you.

Below you will find key information about the scheme and how you and your children can get access. We hope that you and your child will love these books and enjoy reading them at home. **Bug Club** is a levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them. There are online versions for every printed title and a personalised website for each child. In addition to the above, please see further resources on our school website to support you with using Bug Club at home with your child.

### Using the online reading world

Your child can enjoy reading **Bug Club** books online as well as in print. Each child has a unique homepage, and can log into it by following these steps:

Visit the site: [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Log in using the username and login that will be sent to you from your child's class teacher via Google Classroom or Class Dojo.

The school code is: **q9km**

Class teachers will 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 'Active Learn 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

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.

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?

If you have any questions about **Bug Club** please do not hesitate to talk to your child's Class Teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Thakore  
English Leader

