



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Grimoldby Primary School we are always looking at new and exciting ways to engage and enthuse our pupils with their learning at home. In March, we introduced our new online reading system 'Bug Club' and your child will have brought home their login details for this (please see class teachers if you need this information). Through talking to the children and looking at their records it is clear that this has had a positive impact and they are keen to use Bug Club at home. It proved a valuable resource as part of our remote education offer but it is something that we use continually both in school in whole classes and as independent activities. As some of our parents are new to Bug Club we felt it would be a good time to share again how to get the most out of the resource at home and help your child expand their reading knowledge.

The following videos give a brief introduction as to what Bug Club is and how the e-books can be accessed at home. (The brief start up guide at the end of the letter also details this).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_91DamY8Gk&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A7cNvP5sjxeOILVxF_K7bbP&index=1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1R8xRz43PU&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A7cNvP5sjxeOILVxF_K7bbP&index=2

The e-books are allocated to every child on an individual basis as to their current reading level (colour band). Embedded within all e-books are activities to engage your child and further deepen their learning. All of these are trackable by your child's teacher enabling them to see a clear picture of progress being made. For every activity children are rewarded with coins to later spend in their online world. As books are completed, these are stored in the Library so they can be re-read. This also enables children to develop their fluency. In school, we have access to the e-books in Reception and Key Stage One as print versions. These are all matched to the children's phonics level enabling them to apply their phonics leaning into 'real' books to raise their confidence when beginning their journey into becoming a reader.

Along with the e-books we also use Bug Club Guided in Key Stage Two. This is a comprehension based resource to allow the skills of reading to be explicitly taught along with being able to look at how authors have used language. Texts linked to this may be allocated to your child so they can answer questions either in school during reading lessons or at home.

In Reception and Key Stage One we have Bug Club Shared which are high quality picture books to be read out loud in class. These are rich stories which use challenging vocabulary that the children would not be exposed to in their usual banded books that are allocated. These may be allocated to re-read or listen to at home as appropriate. In addition to this we also use Bug Club Phonics. The link below is a short video to explain this further for use at home.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MP38k4Vwqu4&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A5ZH4m1BIQ9Wtz7Q-OdXIEJ&index=2>

In school, teachers use the resource to teach phonics systematically during lesson time and allocate games or books specifically matched to the teaching that week for children to practise at home.

Finally, from year 1 to 6 we have Grammar and Spelling Bug. This provides online teacher tools to help children build the essential grammar, spelling and punctuation skills needed at each point during their time in primary school. Children can then practise their newly acquired skills at home through the exciting games allocated by their teacher. This video gives a short overview of how to use it at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNGsVFAzZlw&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A7-s2LS-JNgfK0-wgILeInA&index=3>

Please do get in touch if you are struggling to access any of the resources on Bug Club and we will do our best to resolve these. We hope that you enjoy accessing the wealth of resources available with your child and that it inspires them to read regularly and widely.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Taylor

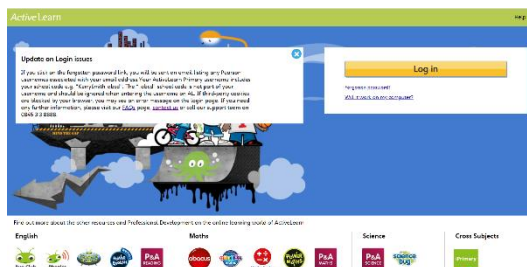
Senior Teacher



Quick Guide to getting started at home with Bug Club Independent:

Go to the website

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk



Sign in

Username

Your username is required.

Password

change@me

Hide

School code (Primary schools only)

hww6

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

Sign in

By signing in, you agree to our [Terms of Use](#).

Log in using the details given to your child

Here is where you can access your books

As books are read they are stored in 'My Library' to read again

You can choose which background theme you would like

This gives further advice and guidance for using the resources

This tells you how many 'coins' you have to spend in the 'My Rewards' section

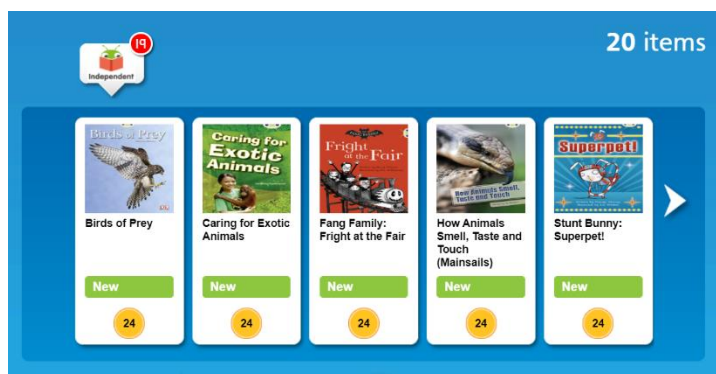
Here you can spend your coins in different ways



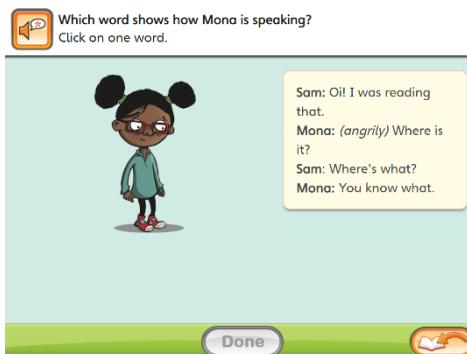


'My Stuff'

You can scroll through and select which book you would like to read first. The number in the gold circle tells you how many coins you will earn by reading and completing the activities.



Once you open a book you will see this bug icon  appear throughout. Once clicked, this will take you to a short activity based on what has just been read. When this has been completed you will earn some coins to spend in the 'my rewards' section.



The teacher will be notified when books need to be allocated, but please remember to encourage re-reading of texts to continue to develop fluency and understanding. (The books will be saved under the 'My Library' tab.)