



Thursday 21st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below information about our online reading system 'Bug Club' that we launched last year. As many of you are now navigating your way through home learning this is a great resource to go to for daily reading because it links directly to what we are teaching in school. There are also games and activities for phonics, spelling and comprehension that most children will be able to complete independently. Every child has their own log in details but please contact school if you require this information to be sent out to gain access. To widen children's reading experiences further, at the end of this letter there are some links to other places to read or hear books – some are easy to access through Amazon Alexa!

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 learning 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>

More reading...

Oak National Academy

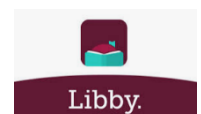
<https://library.thenational.academy/>

In the Library section every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Lincolnshire Libraries

This is a great resource to access a huge amount of books from Lincolnshire Libraries.

https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/lincolnshire/assets/-/pages/ebooks_eaudio.html



On this page, there are also links to other e-book platforms as well as newspapers and e-magazines. Alternatively, you can download the Libby App. All you need is your Library card number and PIN. Don't worry if you are not a member as you are able to join online too!

Alexa devices

If you have an Alexa-enabled device such as an Echo smart speaker or Fire TV stick, you can listen to selected audiobooks each month completely free – just say 'Alexa, what's free from Audible?' to hear what's available.



Amazon Prime

If you have Amazon Prime, you can read up to 10 selected e-books at once for free with its digital 'borrowing' service, *Prime reading*. All Prime members can access this, even if you have 30-day free trial.

Google Home/Nest

You can use the Google Assistant if you have a Google Home or Nest speaker, or any device with the Google Assistant built in. Say 'Hey Google, talk to Book Reader.' You can then say the name of a book you would like to listen to or you can say 'give me suggestions.'

Oxford Owl

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Here you will find a wealth of books online, along with additional activities to try at home.

Love Reading

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

You can read excerpts of new books here if you want to explore some new titles before you buy! There are also lots of activities too.

We hope you enjoy delving into lots of new books – please share any recommended reads on our school Twitter - @grimoldbyschool.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you would like any support with your child's reading. We are always here to help in whatever way we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Becky Taylor

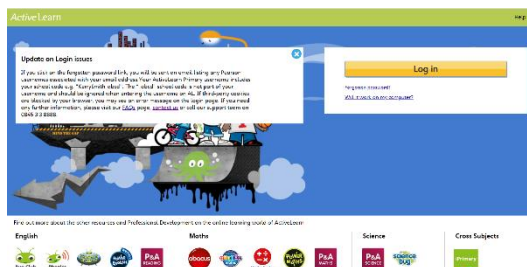
Senior Teacher



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

Go to the website

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk



Log in using the details given to your child

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](#).

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

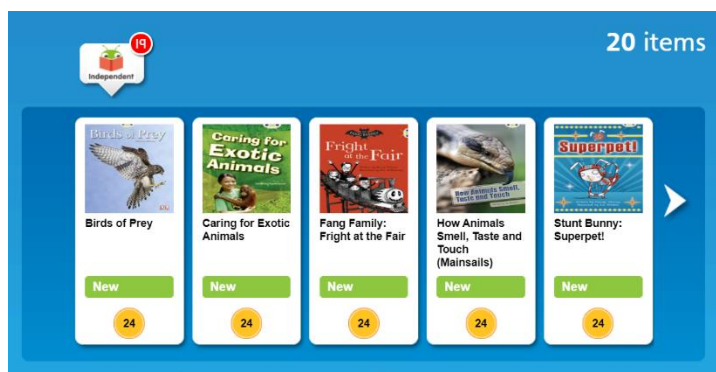
Here you can spend your coins in different ways




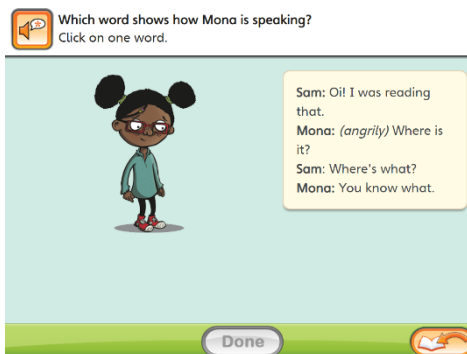


'My Stuff'

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.)