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Dear Parents,

Our school has recently acquired a reading programme called **Bug Club** that we are very excited to share with you. Below you will find key information about the scheme and how you can get involved. We hope that you, and your child, will love these eBooks and enjoy reading them at home!

What is Bug Club?

Bug Club is a whole-school reading programme that helps transform children into lifelong readers. As well as taking their normal books home (this will not change), your child will now have access to eBooks via a personalised website. Bug Club works on PC's, laptops and all tablet devices. We understand that with an ever increasing technological world, it is important to ensure that reading is still a priority for children, whilst also being fun and stimulating at the same time. Especially for children who may sometimes be reluctant to read.

1. Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter the login details.
3. Your child's homepage will appear.

Login details	
School ID:	<input type="text"/>
Username:	<input type="text"/>
Password:	<input type="text"/>

Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them. Your child has been given their own login details (please turn over) where they can sign in to view their eBooks in "My Stuff" located in their personalised homepages. Your child's teacher will allocate levelled books to your child's reading library where your child can have multiple eBooks at any one time. 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'.

The Foundation and KS1 eBooks are also audio-books, so children can enjoy hearing an expressive reading of the story.

How you can help your child:

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?

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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.

Reading Club

To support the children with their reading, Mr Ball will be holding weekly Bug Club sessions on a Tuesday lunchtime, which will take place in Belfast Class. These sessions will begin on Tuesday 1st October, with juice and biscuits being provided.

*Reading Diaries

Could we please take this opportunity to stress the importance of reading with your child at home. Not only is it important to encourage your child to read and listen to them read, we strongly recommend that you read to your child regularly. This will encourage a love for reading, and they can hear how reading should sound. To show that your child has read either a book from school or an eBook on Bug Club, we would really appreciate your comments in your child's Reading Diary. It assists in our assessments of your child; helps us to see what they can do away from the classroom; and also reminds your child that you as the parent, and us as the teachers, are a partnership!

We hope that by using Bug Club your child will catch the reading bug! It is our endeavour to ensure that our children secure a lifelong passion for reading, and that Bug Club will support your child in achieving this. If you have any questions or queries regarding Bug Club, please do contact your child's class teacher or Mr Ball.

Kind Regards,

Mr J Ball
Reading Coordinator

Your child's personal Bug Club ID:

Go to: www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Login: _____

Password: bugclub

School ID: ar3c

