

Chisenhale Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

At school, we will teach the children a phonics programme where they begin with learning the initial sounds and practising blending them together to read words. We will assign your child a home reading book using the *Phonics Bug Club* scheme. This provides them with an online reading book that matches the sounds that we have taught in school. The website is www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Please log in to your child's account at home to see their assigned book

We have included your child's username and password for this website.

The school code is: hha9

This system of online books is a very good reading scheme for the children and recommended by the DfE. Staff are able to see the individual child's progress and move them through the book levels.

At home, please read each book at least twice. This is best spread out on different days during the week so that children have plenty of opportunities to practise their phonics sounds and improve their fluency.

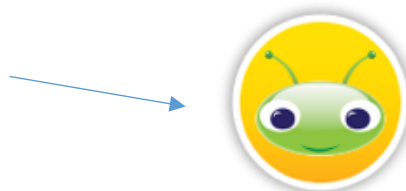
The online books are assigned by the class teachers and can be found in the MY STUFF section of your child's Bug Club home page. When your child's phonics group moves on to the next phonics set, their book level will be updated by the teachers accordingly.

On the inside front cover of every Bug Club book is a list of phonics sounds that will appear in the book. Ensure your child says these sounds to you before they start reading.

The first time your child reads the book, will involve them working out the sounds in the words and blending the sounds together.

The second time your child reads the book, they will likely be a little more fluent as they remember it from the last time they read it. This is the time to ask them some questions about the book, checking that they have understood what has happened. The inside back cover will have some questions to get you started.

As you are reading, keep your eye out for this symbol



When you see it, click it. It will reveal a small challenge for your child to complete which might be listening to some sounds that appear on the screen or matching a word to a picture. Only when your child has completed the reading and the Bug Club challenge buttons, will the book move from MY STUFF to MY LIBRARY. At this point, your child earns points which can be used in other areas of the Bug Club website. Children can re-read any books that move to MY LIBRARY.

If you have any questions or difficulties in accessing a device to use Bug Club, please speak to a member of staff at the end of the day or contact us at receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Reading for pleasure

In addition to their Bug Club book, we want children to self-select a picture book to take home from the classrooms. Self-selected books should be read to your child and enjoyed together at home as part of story time. They are not meant for your child to try and read themselves as they are not necessarily phonetically decodable.

When looking at these picture books, family members will read the words and encourage enjoyment of the story plot, character, illustrations or information shared in the book. This is an important time for reading for pleasure, capturing their imaginations and hooking them into the joy of books!

Due to the current climate, we are operating a quarantine system for any books returned to school from home before they are put back into the school collection. **Friday** is the set day that your child will choose a book they would like you to read to them. We really encourage you to return the read book into your child's book bag every **Friday - please do not return books any earlier than this day**. The books taken home play a key part in your child's learning and are often used during our Topic focus. As a result, we cannot issue your child with a new book until the previously issued book is returned back to school.

Google Classroom

We would also be grateful if you could access your child's Google Classroom account and join their current classes – their login is exactly the same as last year. This is to ensure that we have a universal way of sending work to you in case of school closures or Covid-19 outbreaks. If you are not sure of your child's login details or you are new to Chisenhale School, your child's login details will be found on their Bug Club letter (printed on the sticker).

*We will be running a Reception Reading parent/carer workshop on **Monday 18th October at 9am in the School Library**. Please come along if you would like to learn more about how we teach reading in Reception or if you have any questions related to Bug Club.*

Thank you for your ongoing support and happy reading!

The Reception Team