



Year 1 Home School Reading

Dear Parents and Carers,



The children will be using Bug Club to access their home-school reading books online. These books are aligned with the children's current phonics teaching. 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.

Each child has an online account to access their assigned books to read at home. They will access these through their own login details which we will send home.

We are teaching the children how to use the online Bug Club programme so that they start to gain confidence with using it. The process is to:

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

Our school code is hha9



If you have any difficulties access to a device or accessing Bug Club, please speak to a member of staff at the end of the day.

From the end of this week, your child will be allocated two books to match their current phonics set that they are being taught at school. This means that they will be able to decode the words and read the book more independently. 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. This will support both their reading and spelling development.

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. New books will be allocated by the teachers when your child's phonics group moves on to the next phonics set which is normally weekly.

On the inside front cover of every online 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. There are some questions to get you started inside the back cover of the online book.

1 Say the sounds

g o c k

2 Blend the sounds

cod	pot	got
dog	nods	on
top	Kit	

3 Read the tricky word

to

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 reading some sounds that appear on the screen or sorting out a scrambled sentence. 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.

We will still be sending home a real life story book from our book corner for your child to enjoy with you at home as well. The purpose of this is for story time, where you are reading to them and your child can listen and enjoy! This develops their imagination, vocabulary and helps them to talk about the characters and story plots. This supports their enjoyment of reading – and hence it is a very important part of their home/school reading diet! We encourage the children to change these books as often as they wish, and this can be supplemented by trips to the Idea Store or local library to choose other books that interest your child which you can enjoy at home together.

If you have any questions, you can contact us via the teachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk email address.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The Year 1 Team