Dear Parent/Carer,

Here we are at the start of a new school year and we are looking forward to another step up in your child’s reading progress and confidence. As you may remember, we are using a reading programme called Bug Club and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the ways you can help your child with reading.

What is Bug Club?

Bug Club is a finely levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can read books at exactly the right level for them.

What do the book band levels mean?

Bug Club books are graded into colour coded book band levels, and within each level there is a carefully planned progression of books. This fine progression gives children plenty of opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Reading a book online

By now your child should be quite used to the online environment and the process of answering quiz questions and earning ‘Bug Points’. If you haven’t already, why not ask your child to show you the books they have already read and how many rewards they have accumulated.

Your child will be sent home with a Bug Club bookmark, which contains all of the login details needed.

The reader

Until they are fluent readers, younger children will benefit from reading aloud to you as often as possible. We recommend sharing and enjoying a book daily.

Sharing reading

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.

· While reading: support your child when unknown words need tackling and have a ‘meaning check’ every now and again to ensure your child understands the text.

· After reading: talk about the book. What was it about? Did it match your child’s expectations?

For more information about helping your child with their reading at home, click on the parents’ help button on the Bug Club homepage (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Your child will still receive a book from our reading scheme, which is matched to the Bug Club book bands. Writing in your child’s school planner will allow all adults working with your child to track their reading progress, within our reading scheme. Please note that due to the busy nature of the school day, we aim to listen to and change their books as often as possible but this may not be a daily occurrence. Accessing Bug Club online will also provide your child with a wide range of texts to read and enjoy at home.

We would appreciate any volunteers to come and hear our wonderful children read. If you are interested, or would like to discuss reading further, please speak to your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your support

The Key Stage One Team

Important dates to remember:

Afternoon tea for Rosen and Dahl Class: Monday 16th September at 2pm

Afternoon tea for Milne and Donaldson Class: Tuesday 17th September at 2pm

Key Stage One Meet the Teacher: Thursday 19th at 5.30pm September