

Welcome to Bug Club Phonics!
Learning to read at St Hild's.
EYFS, Year 1 and some of year 2.



We have chosen to use Bug Club Phonics to help your child learn to read.

All the books in Bug Club Phonics have been matched to sounds your child can read so that books are at exactly the right level for them. You have access to a personalised website with online books allocated by your child's teachers as well as a printed book.

Using the printed books

Inside every Bug Club Phonics printed book there are notes to help you make the most of reading with your child. This means to really help your child, you might use one book for more than one reading session.

Inside front cover: there are suggestions of things to do before your child starts reading, such as saying the sounds and practising blending them to make words as well as things to do whilst your child is reading to you; for example, checking their understanding of the story or information on the page.

Inside back cover: the activities here are to help your child consolidate what they have read and increase their fluency.

Reading for fluency: re-reading a book your child is already familiar with so that they can show fluency, discuss any new understanding and add expression.

Using the online reading world

If you have access to an internet connection, your child can enjoy reading Bug Club Phonics books online as well as in print. Each child has a unique homepage and can log into it by following these steps:

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

Reading a book online

We allocate books to your child according to their reading levels. These books will appear in the 'My Stuff' area of their personal homepage.

The eBooks have three main additional features to help your child. Find them in the 'Independent' section of 'My Stuff'.

- **Phoneme pronunciation guide:** click on the bug icon to hear some of the phonemes (sounds) in the book.
- **Read to me:** after your child has had a go at reading the book, you can click on this to hear the text read out loud e.g. to help your child with giving expression.
- **Quiz question:** click on the second bug icon within the book to answer a question designed to reinforce your child's learning. Their teacher will receive information about attempted questions.

When your child has finished the book, clicked on the phoneme pronunciation guide and attempted the quiz question, he or she will earn 'ActiveLearn Coins'. By reading more books, your child will earn enough coins to 'buy' a reward in one of the many reward schemes.

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'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Harvey