

Dear CP Parents,

Due to the current COVID-19 situation we are facing, we have decided to send a learning pack home to ensure our wonderful CP students can continue their learning if the school has to close. In the work pack we have also included the spelling lists for the next few weeks.

In the event that the school is closed, students should be completing 6 hours of English work per week. This can be done by using their learning packs, reading, BugClub and Education City. Please see the information sheet attached for further details.

All pupils have their BugClub and Education City usernames and logins stuck into their Cahier de liaison, if you have any issues logging in, please let me know.

BugClub was only introduced to the CPs today, so I have enclosed some further information below.

We will be in contact with parents via email regularly to send additional work if required and to give further instructions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I understand this is a new and difficult situation for us all.

Finally, as this is new territory for us, we thank you all in advance for your support.

Kindest regards,

Eve Bellanca



## Welcome to Bug Club!

Dear Parents,

CP has recently started an online reading programme called Bug Club that I'd like to share with you.

Below you will find key information about the scheme and how you can get involved!

### What is Bug Club?

Bug Club is a finely-levelled **online** reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them and access them on their own personalised website.

## Using the online reading world

If you have access to an internet connection, your child can enjoy reading **Bug Club** 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](http://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 homepages.

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 'ActiveLearn 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'.

## Getting involved

### The reader

Until they are fluent readers, younger children will benefit from reading aloud to you as often as possible. By the time they are in Years 5 or 6, many children prefer to read silently to themselves. Create quiet opportunities for them to do so, but then talk to them about the book they are reading.

### 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. 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?

**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.

**Bug club will work on any computer, tablet, ipad or any device that has access to a web browser.**

## **Log-in details**

**Go to:** [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

**All usernames and passwords have been glued into the children's home/school correspondence books.**

**School Code: m7xl (last letter is a lowercase L)**

**\*All codes and passwords are case sensitive\***