Bug Club – Home Reading Program

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are encouraged to access the bug club website as part of their weekly homework to improve their reading skills at home. Your child’s teacher will select and allocate books to your child depending on their reading ability.

What is Bug Club?
Bug Club is a school reading program which joins e-books with printed books to teach children how to read. Bug Club’s online reading world aims to help children improve their reading skills at school or home with exciting e-books and rewards. It has been designed to motivate children so that they get the most out of reading each book and want to read more.

Why are we using e-books?
- Children can enjoy reading books onscreen and completing fun quiz questions found in the e-books
- The quiz questions will help the children practise their reading skills
- The e-books are also audio-books, so children can enjoy hearing an expressive reading of the book

When can children use the e-books?
If you have access to an internet connection at home, your child can log on whenever they want to, from home. At this stage Bug Club is not available as an app, however, this will be developed in the near future.

Using the e-books:
2. Login here with the details we give you
3. The pupil will be taken to their “passport page”. Here, they click on the Bug Club logo.
4. You can now:

- Click on the animated bug to see a video explaining what to do with the Bug Club eBooks. Click on a book cover to read the e-book and do the quizzes inside the e-book. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, you will need to click on **My books** and then a book cover.
- Collect Bug Points by completing the quizzes. See your points go up on the Bug Points meter and see rewards appear when you reach the top of the meter!
- Click **My rewards** to see your rewards whenever you want.
- Click **Books I have read** (K-2) or **Look again** (3-6) to see the last 10 e-books you have read.

**Reading an e-book:**

- Click on the book cover & see how many quiz questions there are
- Read the book and click on the bug icons to open the quiz questions
- Your child does not need to finish all quiz questions in one sitting. They can come back to a book later.

**Bug points and rewards:**

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- Read the book and click on the bug icons to open the quiz questions
- Your child does not need to finish all quiz questions in one sitting. They can come back to a book later.

**Books I have read:**

- When your child has finished an e-book, it will move to ‘Books I Have Read’ where they can read it again, if they want to.
- They can choose a new e-book from ‘My books’.

**Getting the most out of Bug Club:**

- Children can read at their own pace.
- Encourage your child to attempt all quizzes.
- We can track their progress and help them with types of quiz questions they struggle with.
- Allow your child to read a favourite e-book again.

**Your child’s Bug Club login details are:**

| Student Name: | _______________ |
| Username:     | _______________ |
| Password:     | _______________ |

If you have any questions about how to access Bug Club at home, please contact your child’s teacher who can assist you in navigating the website. There is also a link to Bug Club through our school website.

Kind regards,

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