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Dear Parent/Carer

At North Somercotes CE Primary School we are always looking at **new and exciting ways to engage and enthuse our pupils with their learning at home**. Children in KS2 will be used to the Spelling and Grammar Bug activities that have been in place for a while. This **has now been extended to children in KS1**. Children in Y1 and Y2 will receive their **login information from their class teachers through Microsoft Teams** and will have the opportunity to tackle some age-appropriate spelling and grammar activities that supplement the remote learning already in place. These are interactive and great fun so please have a look. This provides online tools to **help children build the essential grammar, spelling and punctuation skills** needed at each point of their learning.

For the whole school we have now introduced a **new online reading system 'Bug Club'**. This is accessed with the same login information and is also **extended to children in Reception**. Children in Reception will also receive their login information through the Microsoft Teams platform. Moving forward this is going to be an **invaluable resource as part of our remote education offer and gives all the children access to a wide range of age appropriate reading books and associated activities**. Bug Club is a new resource to all of us and the following information should help you in getting the most out of the resource at home and helping your child expand their reading knowledge.

The following videos give a brief introduction as to what Bug Club is and how the e-books can be accessed at home. (The brief start up guide at the end of the letter also details this).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_91DamY8Gk&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A7cNvP5sjxeOILVxF_K7bbP&index=1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1R8xRz43PU&list=PLTO8p8hoj-A7cNvP5sjxeOILVxF_K7bbP&index=2

The **e-books are allocated to every child on an individual basis** as to their current reading level (colour band). Allocating levels is a little trickier than usual at the moment so **please liaise with your child's class teacher if you feel the allocations need adjusting**. Embedded within all e-books are activities to engage your child and further deepen their learning. All of these are **trackable by your child's teacher enabling them to see a clear picture of progress being made**. For every activity children are rewarded with coins to later spend in their online world. **As books are completed, these are stored in the Library so they can be re-read**. This also enables children to develop their fluency. For younger children these are matched to phonics levels enabling them to apply their phonics learning into 'real' books to raise their confidence when beginning their journey as a reader. For older children challenging texts with extended activities are available.

Please do get in touch if you are struggling to access any of the resources on Bug Club and we will do our best to resolve these. We hope that you enjoy accessing the wealth of resources available with your child and that it inspires them to read regularly and widely.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Paul Floyd
Headteacher

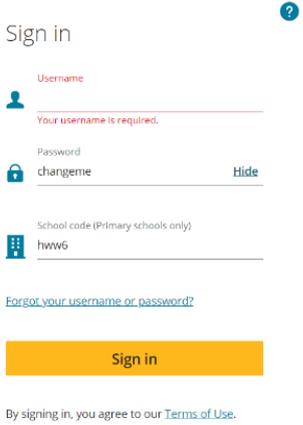
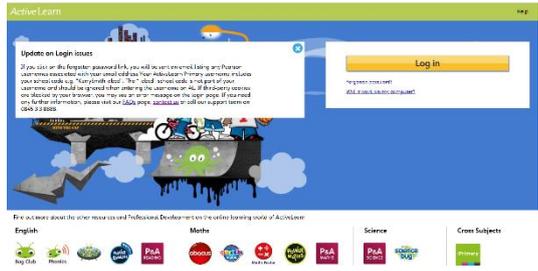
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Quick Guide to getting started at home with Bug Club Independent:

Go to the website
www.activelearnprimary.co.uk



Log in using the details given to your child

Here is where you can access your books

As books are read they are stored in 'My Library' to read again

You can choose which background theme you would like



This gives further advice and guidance for using the resources

This tells you how many 'coins' you have to spend in the 'My Rewards' section

Here you can spend your coins in different ways



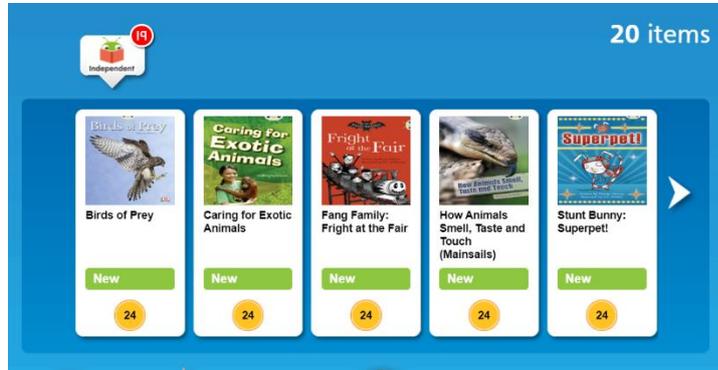
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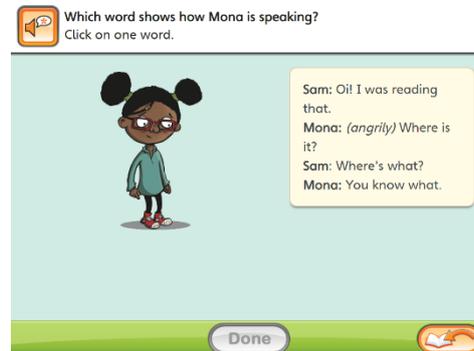


'My Stuff'

You can scroll through and select which book you would like to read first. The number in the gold circle tells you how many coins you will earn by reading and completing the activities.



Once you open a book you will see this bug icon appear throughout. Once clicked, this will take you to a short activity based on what has just been read. When this has been completed you will earn some coins to spend in the 'my rewards' section.



Your teacher will be notified when books need to be allocated, but please remember to encourage re-reading of texts to continue to develop fluency and understanding. (The books will be saved under the 'My Library' tab). Please bear in mind we have scaled this system up quickly without the children in school – class teacher's welcome feedback and we will do our best to ensure the children have access to the most appropriate texts and activities.