

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and want to share some information about your child’s reading.

For the next three weeks your child will be reading a lilac band book, this will be either a printed book or an electronic version. This book is ‘worldless’ and is to encourage you to talk about the story using the prompts found on the front and back cover. Before we break up for half term, your child will take home a printed reading book that contains words that are made up from the sounds that we have been learning at school. You will also be able to access electronic versions of these books that are in line with their phonics knowledge.

**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.

 **Inside front cove:**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 online**

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**](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/)
2. Enter the login details (at the bottom of this letter)
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. You can use the **Read to me** feature. 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. 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’.

Look out for **sound cards** in your child’s book wallet. These will be the sounds we have been learning and are for you to support at home.

We expect your child to read to you every day to develop their fluency. Please bring your child’s book wallet with their story book and reading book in each day.

**Warm regards,**

**www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login**

**The Reception Team**

