



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/carer,

Due to current circumstances, we have decided that to support home learning further, we have invested in 'Bug Club', a reading resource to support your child's at home.

At present times, this will be online only, but upon return to CHPA this will be used alongside physically real reading books to extend, engage and encourage your child with their reading.

Below you will find key information about the scheme and how you can get involved. We hope that you and your child will love these books and enjoy reading them at home.

### **What is Bug Club?**

Bug Club is a reading scheme, which ensures children have access to a varied and rich reading experience. What's more, there are online versions for every printed title and a personalised website for each child.

### **Using the printed books (on the screen)**

Inside every printed book there are notes to help you make the most of reading with your child.

**Inside front cover:** for younger children, these notes identify words with which children may need help and give ideas and strategies to help you feel confident that you know how best to help. For older children, the notes are intended to deepen each child's understanding of the book. They provide background information about the time or place the book was written or sometimes information about the author or illustrator.

**Inside back cover:** these notes suggest puzzles and challenges that help children think about their reading. These include 'Find it!' activities that encourage children to revisit the text; 'Share it!' tasks that may involve making or writing something, and other ideas that offer ideas for further reading.

### **Using the online reading world**

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 which will be sent out via SchoolComms (this is being sent today – if you do not receive this by Monday, please contact Miss Reid - [class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk) )
3. Your child's homepage will appear.



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## Reading a book online

Appropriate books will be allocated based upon your child's current reading level. 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, they 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.

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.



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### Need help?

If your child is having trouble using the pupil world, help can be found in the Help Section of ActiveLearn Primary (in the top right-hand corner of the website). There is also a trouble shooting

Please note: We strongly recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers with ActiveLearn. If you prefer to use Internet Explorer, please check you have at least IE9 in order for everything to work as it should.

Ensure that you do not have a pop-up blocker on as this will prevent the book pages from opening.

We hope that you and your child will fully engage with this new program as we are confident it will help to instill a lifelong love for reading.

As part of the fortnightly conversations between teachers and home, we will be discussing Bug Club and reading with you. Additionally, through class emails (which you already have), there is also the opportunity to discuss books further.

Kind regards,

Miss Reid

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