Dear Parents/Carers,

This week your child will be coming home with an individual reading book and reading record.

For children on Phonics Bug books:

To follow up to date advice and best practice, your child will bring home a book that is phonically decodable and matched to your child's phonics and reading ability. It is important that your child can read around 90% of the book with ease, in order to develop fluency and comprehension skills. For some children, the text in their books may therefore seem easier to read for them than you would expect; reading at this level helps to develop enjoyment of reading, is an opportunity to practise blending the sounds that they have already learnt at school and improves fluency. Your child will be able to change their reading book once the book has been read at least three times. Any reading carried out at home should be recorded in your child's individual reading record. Please could we ask that your child has their reading book and reading record in school on a daily basis.

Your child will also have access to Bug Club Phonics - a programme that we use to teach reading. This does rely on an internet connection. One of the features of the programme is that we are able to allocate interactive games matched to your child's level. New games will be allocated on a regular basis by your child's class teacher. Please note that we will not be allocating online reading books at this time.

To access Bug Club Phonics your child will have their own personal username. This will be the first four letters of your child's first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname e.g. Jane Smith would be janesmit. If your child's name only contains three letters, the username uses three letters instead e.g. Sam Cooke would be samcook and Chloe Top would be chlotop. All the passwords have been set as bug123. You may wish to change this password for your child. You will also need to use the school code which is r3r3. Attached is a Bug Club parent guide which will show you how to log on and access the games set by your child's class teacher.

For those children on Accelerated Reader:

 Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level (ascertained by the teacher through an online quiz) and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice. Any reading carried out at home should be recorded in your child's individual reading record. Please could we ask that your child has their reading book and reading record in school on a daily basis.

We thank you in advance for your support with your child's reading.

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