



Dear parent/guardian,

The children have started using Bug Club, which is our school phonics scheme. So far we have been looking at phase 1 and will be starting phase 2 sounds soon.

They have now all got their own reading book, this will be changed after they have read each book 3 times. All the children have enjoyed looking at their reading books, we encourage parents to read with them every evening to help build their confidence and understanding.



At the moment the children are exploring wordless books, each book has conversational prompts to help you.

### What is Bug Club?



Bug Club Phonics is a comprehensive phonics teaching programme centred around an accessible and inclusive teaching approach. Evidence shows that working together fosters a sense of social inclusion for pupils and boosts the performance of those that may be progressing more slowly. It is one of the DfE's approved systematic synthetic phonics programmes.

Bug Club Phonics is designed to build children's confidence and enjoyment of reading at the very start of their reading journey. It's designed to get your children reading real books as soon as possible and feel empowered that reading is for them.

### What is Phonics?

Synthetic phonics is a method for teaching children how to read and write in English. Through this form of phonics teaching, they'll learn how all words in English are reducible to units of sounds called 'phonemes', which we write down using letters or small groups of letters called 'graphemes'.

Synthetic phonics is a method that's used to teach pupils how to read and write in English. Through synthetic phonics, children will learn that all words can be broken down into small units of sound called phonemes, which are represented in written language using groups of letters called graphemes. By building connections between phonemes and their graphemes, kids will also be joining together sounds in their spoken and written forms.

