

## Phonics

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children are initially taught to spell through phonics using 'Letters and Sounds'

The 44 phonemes in the English language are taught using the Jolly Phonics programme plus a variety of other resources, including 'Phonics Play' for planning and activities, 'Espresso' games and Bug Club resources.

## Reading Scheme

Throughout the school we use Bug Club interactive books.

It is important in this digital world that children are used to reading on screen as well as real books.

The link for these can be found in Our Learning/Web links

Children can access Bug Club's online reading world at home!

Bug Club's online reading world helps children improve core reading skills at school or home with exciting texts and fun rewards. Bug Club enables independent practice on any computer and selected tablets that have an internet connection. Your child can log in to his or her personalised reading homepage and access books for further reading practice.

There are sound effects that play as the children read through the book. These sound effects accompany the text and add a sense of atmosphere – making the books truly engaging. The books also have the added bonus of interactive quiz questions embedded within the book pages.

**By clicking on Bug Club hotspots, children can answer quiz questions that are engaging, fun to complete and help the teacher assess your child's understanding of the text.**

Some of the questions are open questions, which aim to elicit a child's preference to, or thoughts around, a text, while others refer directly to the text and require the use of comprehension skills to answer the questions.

Children can collect points by completing the quiz questions. They exchange these points for rewards and can access these in a fun space on their homepage.

As Parents you will enjoy seeing your children making progress and being motivated to read. You will gain a greater clarity about which reading level your child has reached, as well as accessing tips for supporting your children.

In addition, your child can access multiple books so there is always choice and a variety of books

for your child to read.

**Bug Club** online also allows children to revisit their favourite books.

*Heinemann Literacy World books and a range of other texts are used for guided reading sessions in class and may be brought home instead of*

Upper Key Stage 2 also use class novels for whole Class reading.