Bug Club

Catch the reading bug

The whole-school reading programme for 21st century children
Bug Club is a whole-school reading programme that joins books with an online reading world to teach today’s children to read. Combining rigorous pedagogy with fantastic design and cutting-edge technology, it’s a fresh and modern take on traditional reading programmes.

Inspire
... a love of reading with exciting books, a diversity of characters and genres, and an online world that makes reading even more rewarding.
- Finely levelled fiction and non-fiction books from Reception book band level Lilac to KS2 Red level
- 100% decodable Comics for Phonics
- Bridging Bands (White and Lime book bands), including poetry and plays
- Fiction and non-fiction books for KS2 level, including the stamina books for gifted readers
- All titles available as eBooks, accessed on the exciting online reading world.

Teach
...all the children in your class with Bug Club and Phonics Bug unbeatable teacher resources.
- Whole-class teaching software with interactive whiteboard activities
- Guided reading notes for small group teaching
- Teaching and assessment guides.

Session 1  Reading
Before Reading
Phonics for Reading
Write the word tractor on the board and ask the children to clap out the syllables (trac/tor). Ask the children to sound-talk the first syllable (t/r/a/c) and blend it, and then do the same with the second syllable. Explain that in this word, ‘or’ is pronounced a bit like ‘er’.

Walkthrough
Look at the front and back covers of the book and read the title together. Encourage the children to make predictions:
- Who usually does the work on a farm?
- What jobs need to be done on a farm?
- Have the children read the other Shaun the Sheep stories? What do they remember about Shaun?

During Reading
While the children read, ask them to think about the main question.
Main question: What jobs do the sheep do on the farm? (AF2)
Additional prompts to help you sample the children’s reading:
Page 2: What is Bitzer doing? (AF2)
Page 3: What jobs do you think Shaun will have to do? (AF3)
**Consolidate**

... their learning using a wide range of games, worksheets and eBook quizzes.

- Phonics Bug interactive whiteboard games for whole-class teaching
- Phonics Bug flashcards and photocopiable activity sheets
- eBook activities including try-it tasks and games, plus written activities for older children
- Guided reading notes for use in the classroom and at home.

**Assess**

... pupils’ progress through a range of tools for summative and formative assessment.

- Online reporting direct from the eBook activities and games
- Guided reading assessment sheets
- NEW – Phonics Bug Prepare and Assess software, with word generator, fun games and mock tests.

Bug Club’s online world and parent support resources help create joined-up learning between school and home.

✓ Books and eBooks
✓ Finely levelled by book band
✓ Matched to Reading Recovery levels
✓ Matched to phonic phases
✓ Includes fiction and non-fiction
✓ Ideal for independent reading
✓ Support for guided reading
✓ Interactive phonic resources
✓ Audio narrations of eBooks
Books that children would choose themselves

Bug Club’s range of fiction and non-fiction stories feature a huge cast of exciting characters to really motivate kids to actually want to pick up a book and learn to read it.

“...The children loved the diversity of characters they came across in Bug Club. This led them to use much richer language when talking about the book.”

Debbie Dudt, Cofton Primary School, UK.

An enormous variety of fiction

Bug Club fiction books are built around character clusters so children can enjoy reading further adventures in a favourite series.

Fine levelling

Bug Club books sub-divide the Book Bands to give your children finer steps in reading progression and a real sense of ongoing achievement as they steadily progress through the levels. These fine levels are a perfect fit for Reading Recovery too.
A huge choice of non-fiction
Bug Club's non-fiction covers topics that will appeal to every child. Each non-fiction story includes eye-catching design and fascinating facts to keep children entranced.

New
Bug Club's range of fiction, non-fiction and comics feature an array of characters that children know and love.

Children will love practicing their decoding skills with our fabulous comics – 100% decodable and fully aligned to Letters & Sounds.
An online reading world

Bug Club’s online reading world will transform your children’s reading experiences. It’s what makes Bug Club different, exciting and gripping for today’s computer-confident children.

Each child gets their own personalised homepage where they can see the eBooks they’ve been allocated. As they read they complete fun quizzes that test their comprehension and help them practise their reading skills, while making learning feel like a game.

The cool characters and added excitement of going online will give even reluctant readers the boost they need. For the younger ages, children can also listen to an audio narration to help with pronunciation – or just for enjoyment.

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Mr. Wong, Teacher, Taikoo Primary School, Hong Kong.
An online reading world that children will love

Each child’s personalised Bug Club homepage is where they’ll go to reinforce their very first reading experiences. They’ll find eBooks, interactive quizzes, games and rewards that will keep them motivated to learn more.

Older children have the opportunity to write their answers to online tasks and see your feedback when they next login.

With the new comprehension activities at Key Stage 2, you can leave specific feedback for your pupils to read next time they log in.

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Bug Club gives teachers a virtual bookcase of finely levelled eBooks to allocate to students at the click of a button for classroom or home practice. For group reading in class, there’s comprehensive guided reading support to save hours of planning and preparation.

Phonics Bug Prepare & Assess
A brand new tool to help keep all your children on track with their phonics learning.

- Fun online games that help children become familiar with non-words
- A word generator with fun, interactive whiteboard tests
- A book of mock tests - great for helping children get used to the format of tests

With hundreds of books to allocate over and over, you don’t need to worry what book is ‘in’ or ‘out’, or whether it will come back!

Guided Reading cards give you a strong framework for your group reading sessions, and with objectives for Reading, Speaking and Listening, and Writing, they’re great for helping you gain a range of evidence on each child’s learning.
Unbeatable support for teachers and parents

“We can use Bug Club to excite the children, engage the parents and have this wonderful joined up learning going on.”

Pauline Woods, Headteacher, Brookfield Infants, Kent, UK.

Bug Club is also full of support for parents. Both the online eBooks and the print books come with hints and tips for getting the most out of a reading session.

The ‘parent help’ screen online shows exactly where their child is in terms of reading ability and what they can do to help, whether that’s reading with them, encouraging them to listen to model readings, or simply sharing their delight when they complete the fun quizzes.

Use eBooks in class with the annotation tool. Some eBooks come with an edit the text option too.
Bug Club begins with Phonics Bug, a phonics programme that gives students all the skills they need to decode words and start on their reading journey. The software gives teachers everything they need to teach phonics in class, while the 100% decodable readers, interactive games and activity sheets consolidate students' learning. They can step across to Bug Club books for extra breadth and variety.

Teach all your children about letters and sounds and how they blend to make words with our whole-class teaching software. Each lesson starts with a short CBeebies video clip, which helps children to hear the sound correctly and see how the letter is formed.

As well as feedback from online quizzes, there are assessment sheets and notes on assessing pupils' progress at each level. The new Prepare and Assess tool helps to keep all of your children on track.
Phonics Bug: a firm, fun foundation in phonics

“The children are very excited about Phonics Bug. You just know they’re going to be engaged and motivated, and with you every step of the way.” Sue Feneiron, Brookfield Infants, Kent, UK.

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The 100% decodable readers combine fiction and non-fiction. Plus every book is available as an eBook, so children can continue their learning at home.

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Whiteboard activities practise reading, spelling and writing before your children go off to do independent work. There are games for them to play online and worksheets to practise writing.

Children can begin reading by themselves when only eight phonemes have been learned. Then they can step across to a wide range of Bug Club books for extra breadth and variety

Dinosaurs (Phonic Phase 5, Set 26, non-fiction)

A Little Green Monster (Phonic Phase 4, Set 12, fiction)

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Join Bug Club...

Bug Club isn’t an ordinary reading programme - think of it as a literacy service, packed with superb planning, teaching, learning, assessment tools and resources.

To join, you simply need to subscribe as a member on an annual basis.

Depending on your needs, you can then personalise the core service with printed packs and teaching guides - and more!

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