

What is Bug Club?



- A reading programme to help your child progress with reading
- Carefully graded eBooks
- Accessed via website login
- Used by over a million UK school children

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Why are we using Bug Club?



- Up-to-date books
- Popular characters (e.g. Wallace and Gromit, Shrek, Alphablocks, Shaun the Sheep)
- More engaging for children
- Quiz questions help children practise reading skills
- All books are also available as audiobooks so children can enjoy hearing an expressive reading of the story
- Targeted support for specific phonics being taught in class

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Challenges around reading

Effects of parents and schools

The younger a child is, the stronger the impact. At age 5 it is some 5 x the impact of school. At 11 it is about the same strength as school.

Source: Sacker, Amanda et al (2002) 'Social inequality in educational achievement and psychological adjustment throughout childhood: magnitude and mechanisms' Social Studies and Medicine, 55, 863-880

'Researchers have shown that, once social and economic factors are removed, parental engagement has a more significant impact on attainment than almost everything else.'

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After 5.5 months...



Statistically significant
gains in reading
without Bug Club



Statistically significant
gains in reading
with Bug Club

After 18 months...



Progress in vocabulary
without Bug Club



Progress in vocabulary
with Bug Club

After 5 terms...



Reading age
without Bug Club



Reading age
with Bug Club

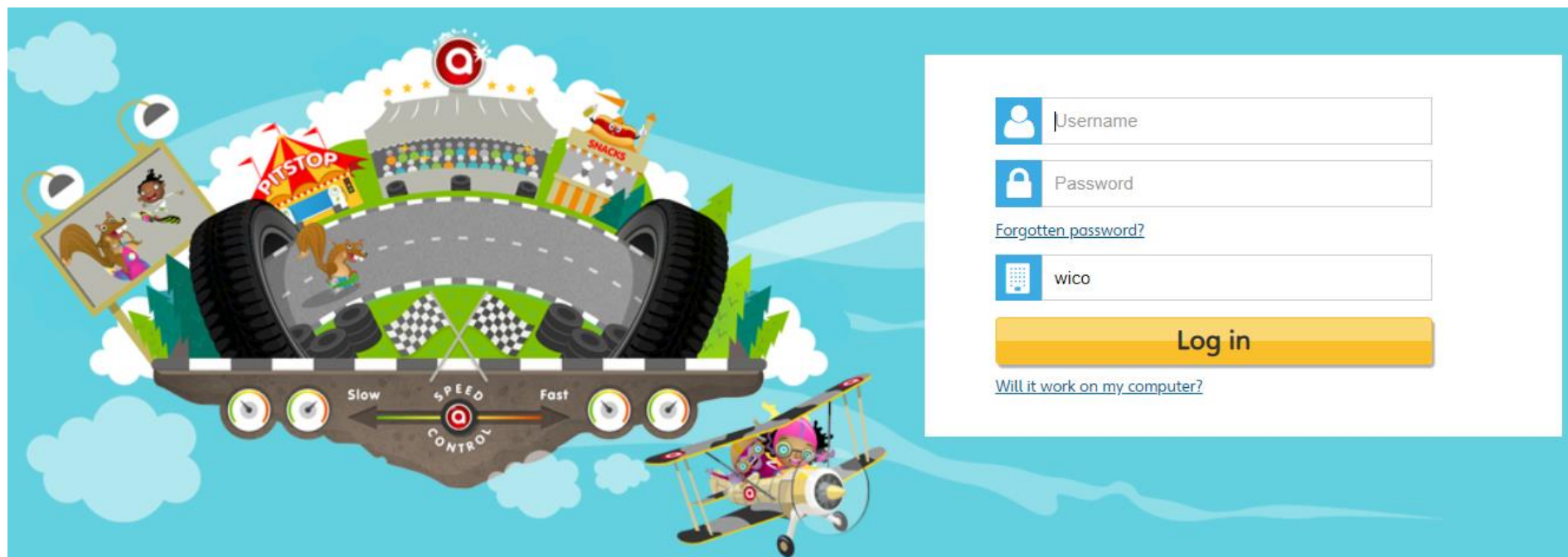
- Independent research project:

“Children using Bug Club greater progress in word recognition, word decoding, comprehension, spelling and picture vocabulary.”

Logging in



- Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
- Username: e.g. Gareth Southgate garsou
- Password: 8 letters
- School code: wico



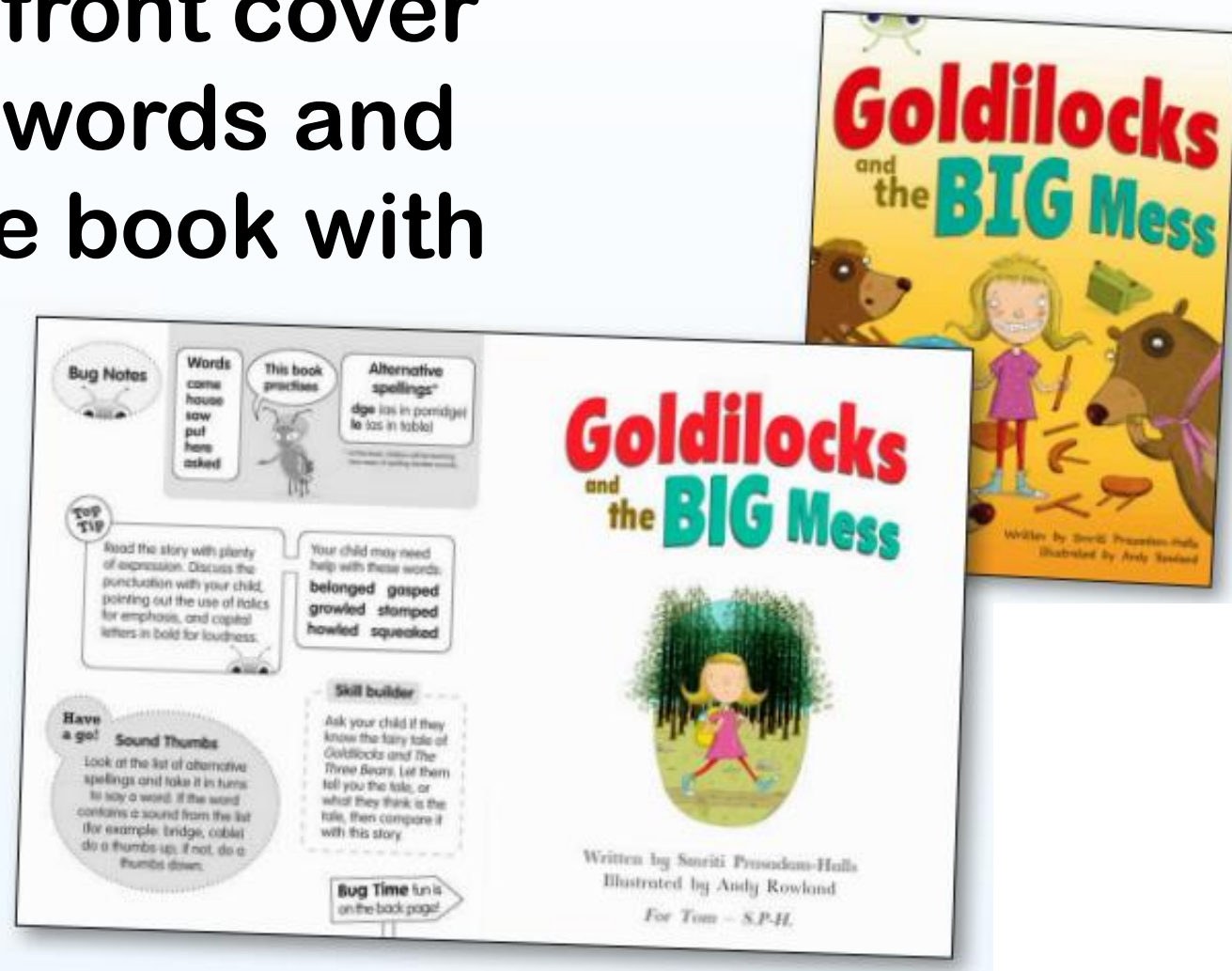
Your child's homepage



- Your child's books will be in "My Stuff"
- We will allocate books according to your child's reading level
- Your child can have multiple eBooks in "My Stuff" at one time
- Children can personalise their homepage

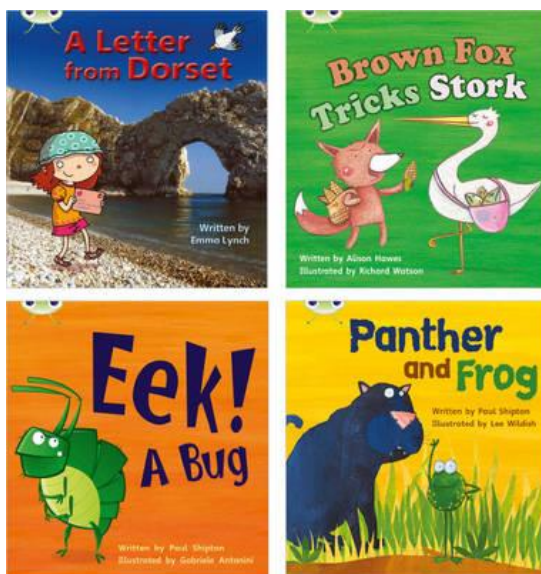
Using the books

- Notes for parents inside front cover
- Practise high-frequency words and sounds that appear in the book with your child
- Games and questions to discuss with your child



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

- Quiz questions in every book
- Click on the Bug logo
- Click to hear question aloud if needed
- Bug goes to sleep when quiz question answered
- Children can come back to their books at any time to complete quiz questions
- Teachers can track progress and help children with types of questions they struggle with



While reading

- Support your child with 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



- Children's activities on inside back cover.
- Play the games to encourage your child to read back through the book.
- Ideas for making and drawing
- 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 support your child in "reading between the lines."
- Ask your child what the best and worst bits of the book were and why.

After reading



- Please write the date, book title and any comments in your child's reading record.

| Date | Book and page number | Comments |
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| | | |

My Library

- When your child finishes an eBook, it will move to “My Library” where they can read it again if they would like to
- Encourage children to re-read favourite books to build confidence and stamina
- Then they can choose a new book from “My Stuff”



My Rewards



- When your child finishes all the quiz questions in an eBook they will gain some coins
- When they have read a few books, they will have enough coins to gain a reward
- They can spend their coins in many different worlds on games, items for their treehouse etc

Phonics Bug books



- These books contain a guide to help you support your child with new sounds
- They also have quiz questions that focus on word skills
- Books to practice reading specific sounds taught in class



The future of reading

Loved
by over a million
children in the UK.





Why children love Bug Club?



1. They earn coins for reading and spending them on rewards or seeing them stack up as they progress through the book bands is super-motivating for children.
2. They have a private 'working' space where no one can see what they're reading and what level they're on which is important to children. If boys want to read about ballet or fairy tales they can, without feeling any stigma attached to their choice. And it works in the same way for girls too. Star Wars, anyone?
3. They love the quizzes because they quizzes test their knowledge and understanding of the books they read in a fun way.
4. In today's world of avatars, emoticons and selfies, being able to personalise their pupil world is a draw for children. Adding their unique creative 'layer' to their world gives them a sense of ownership of their reading, at school and at home.
5. Every time children open an eBook that's been allocated to them in their personalised world, it's like unwrapping a brand new, fresh copy that's been delivered direct to their 'door' just for them. No dog-eared, sellotaped, raggedy paper copy required tonight, parents!

Technical information



- Browser-based
- Works on Windows, Android, Apple iOS
- Bug Club recommend using Firefox or Chrome
- Make sure browser is the latest version

Other books



- Library books
- Magazines
- Websites
- 100+ free eBooks at www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home



Any questions?

