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Dear Parent/Carer

## Bug Club

Thank you for your continued support with Bug Club this year. We have valued your feedback and, as a consequence, we have decided to limit the amount of reading comprehension tests your child will be completing alongside the scheme.

Bug Club continues to allow children to make significant progress with their reading and so far we have seen a great increase of children reading at and above their chronological age. The KS2 books have been chosen from classics such as *Wind in the Willows* and *The Railway Children*, popular children's characters such as Doctor Who, and a mixture of exciting non-fiction texts such as 'How to be a Pop Star!'

February half term marks the halfway point in the academic year and this is a perfect opportunity to implement change. Rather than the children reading (for example) 'Blue A' and then completing a comprehension test, the children will now read a selection of books within the colour band and the teacher will use their judgement about when to complete a comprehension test. This will ensure that your child(ren) are not continually resitting the same comprehension test and making little progress, as this has no impact on your child(ren)s learning and development.

Throughout the year groups, the National Curriculum states that the children need to be able to explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read and to be able to participate in discussions about books that they can read for themselves. The best way of developing these skills is to re-read the text to deepen understanding, and also to be able to draw upon the text as evidence when justifying their opinion within a discussion.



Alongside Bug Club, we are also going to be looking at buying into other reading schemes so that the children have access to an even broader range of books in school. Working from two or more reading schemes will enable children to develop and consolidate their reading and language skills so that they can become confident and competent readers.

I encourage you to keep reading Bug Club online with your child(ren), as their class teacher can monitor their answers to comprehension questions set by the computer. This monitoring will then allow the teacher to target the children appropriately in school during Guided Reading sessions so that we can fill any potential gaps in their learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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