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RE: Reading

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you about your child's reading books. You may have noticed that your child has a Bug Club account – you can access this at:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c>

Due to covid restrictions, we are currently unable to send 'actual' reading books home, so will be using Bug Club for the time being.

When you log into your child's account, you will see that your child has been allocated lilac band books – these books have no words. Please don't panic!

We allocate lilac books to all children initially so that they can develop their communication and language skills and imagination. The idea is that your child will look at the pictures and tell you the story. You may also want to add your own suggestions to build their vocabulary and creativity!

Last week we started our phonics teaching – showing children that letters make specific sounds. We will be teaching the children to blend these sounds to read simple words in the next couple of weeks. Once your child has secured a number of these sounds, they will be allocated a pink band book. It's really important that your child can read the words confidently before we allocate these books, as home reading should be building the children's confidence by reading texts that they can access independently. You may therefore think the book is too easy for your child, but please be assured this is a really important part of teaching the children to read – we need to build their confidence so they are willing to try harder texts at school. Your child will be challenged to read slightly harder texts at school during their guided reading – these books will introduce your child to new words and sounds.

If you have any questions, then please speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

The Reception team.