



# Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Primary Academy

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*'Striving for Life in all its Fullness'*

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Dear Foundation Parents and Carers,

Reading records have been sent home with your child this evening. Thank you to those who were able to attend our Reading Meeting this morning, where we shared information about how we give out reading books (please find the presentation attached for reference).

In Key Stage 1, children take home:

- **Reading for Pleasure books** (colour book bands)
- **Decodable books** (Bug Club books linked to phonics)

In Foundation, however, there will be a short period when **decodable books are not yet sent home**. This is because children need to show at least 95% accuracy with the sounds in their phonics phase before a decodable book is allocated. As the children are only just beginning their phonics journey, they are not yet ready for this step.

Instead, each child will be allocated **Bug Club eBooks** through their online **Active Learn account** (login details are glued into their reading record). These eBooks are carefully matched to the sounds we are focusing on in class each week, giving children the opportunity to practise and showcase what they have been learning. Please also find attached a guide as to how to access these. These will be allocated from next week (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> September).

Alongside these eBooks, we encourage families to enjoy and share books together regularly. All reading activities, whether online books or stories read at home, can be logged in your child's reading record. Children who record at least three reads per week will be able to choose a treat from the goodie box.

To support reading at home, your child will also receive a **Fluency Passport** with ideas to try. We recommend spending time:

- Echo reading
- Re-reading familiar texts
- Summarising what has been read
- Asking and answering questions about a story

Our aim is to build children's skills in phonics while nurturing a lifelong love of reading.

You will also find information on our class page regarding phonics sounds and supporting your child's learning at home.

Please do share videos or photographs of your child enjoying books and having a go at the activities shared onto SeeSaw – we would love to celebrate your child in school for their efforts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Foundation team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hodgson

