

Hertfordshire County Council



Featherstone Wood Primary School

Featherston Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG2 9PP
Tel: 01438 235550 Fax: 01438 235559

Head Teacher: Miss L Shuttleworth, MA, NPQH

Bug Club Phonics (Pearson Education Ltd)

Website: Bug Club Phonics

Synopsis

Bug Club Phonics is part of the Bug Club Family. It is a systematic, synthetic phonics programme, which helps pupils to learn to read by the age of six. Their aim is to support time-strapped teachers, and prepare pupils for the phonics screening check and a lifetime of reading. They use interactive games and CBeebies videos to engage pupils. Bug Club advocates whole-class teaching, with additional one-to-one teacher and nurture groups suggested for children needing support. Bug Club has 180 decodable books across a range of genres, including fiction and non-fiction.

What is the order of the graphemes being taught?

Progression aligns with Letters and Sounds 2007. Phonics progression grid is available online from Reception through to the end of Year 1.

What is the core cost at basic entry level?

£449: whole-class teaching and eBook subscription

A variety of packages is available, with a 50% discount for small schools.

What is included in the core basic entry cost?

Planning: lesson plans for phases 1–6; reading and spelling activities; assessment and tracker; worksheets, resource cards, consolidation and extension activities

Whiteboard files: interactive whiteboard lessons; alphabet song videos with CBeebies presenters;

a handwriting video

Books: 180 decodable books; games for pupils at home and in school

Is there an annual subscription or one-off payment?

Annual subscription. A variety of packages is available on the website.

Are lessons available in whiteboard format?

Yes

Is there catch-up support?

No specific catch-up programme, but Bug Club Phonics can be used for intervention and catch up

either with individuals or small group.

Are books, which are matched to the scheme, available from the provider?

Yes – 180 fully decodable books, from £3.69 per book

Are eBooks available?

Yes – eBooks are included within the subscription, for use at school and home.

How is the training accessed?

- Live online training: £499 for schools with a digital subscription
- Twilight: £440 for an overview of SSP in general for TAs and teachers (you do not need to be a Bug Club subscriber to access)

DfE-Validated Phonics Schemes: An Overview Edition 2, September 2022

© HFL Education Ltd 13

What age range is it suitable for?

Planning is available for Reception and KS1, with books available for KS2 children.

Are there assessment resources available?

Yes – assessment sheets are included within the subscription.

Is there a tracking tool?

Yes – the assessment tracker enables teachers to identify gaps within pupils' knowledge.

Are there resources for parent/carer support at home?

Parents have access to the eBooks as part of the subscription. There are games that pupils can use at home.

Key points to note

- Bug Club Phonics is part of the wider “Bug Club Family”, which includes Bug Club Ultimate; Bug Club Independent; Bug Club Shared Reading; Bug Club Guided Reading; Bug Club Grammar and Spelling.
- New resources are available (2022), including flashcards, frieze cards, sound mats and posters.
- Features language sessions that teach “tricky” common exception words.
- eBooks and digital games are allocated by teacher to match phonic sets