Bug Club Phonics walk-through for parents

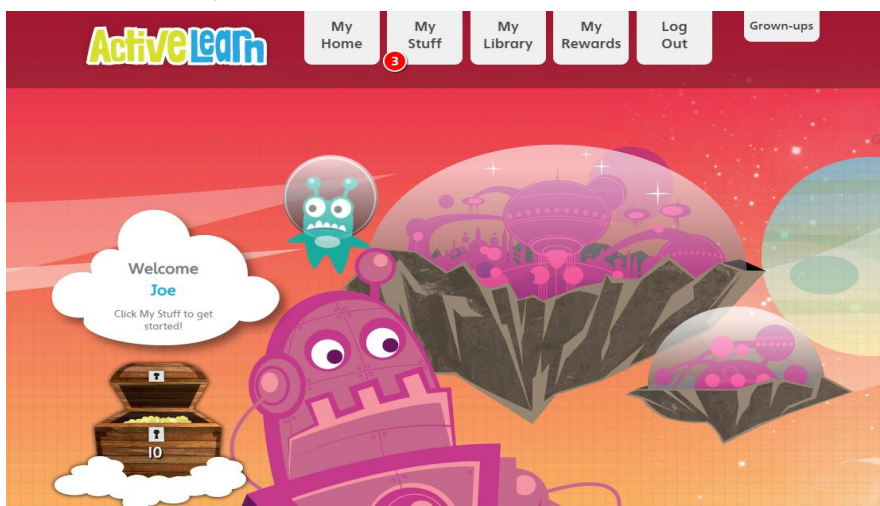*Step 1 :* *Firstly, go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk*

Click on the yellow Log in button and use your child's username, password and school code that was previously provided. (If you have lost or forgotten these please contact school and we will send new ones).

Forgotten password?

Will it work on my computer?

Once logged in you will be taken to the Pupil World homepage. This is where you can access your child's allocated work.

You will see there are several tabs at the top of the page: My Home, My Stuff, My Library, My Rewards, Log Out and Grown-Ups.
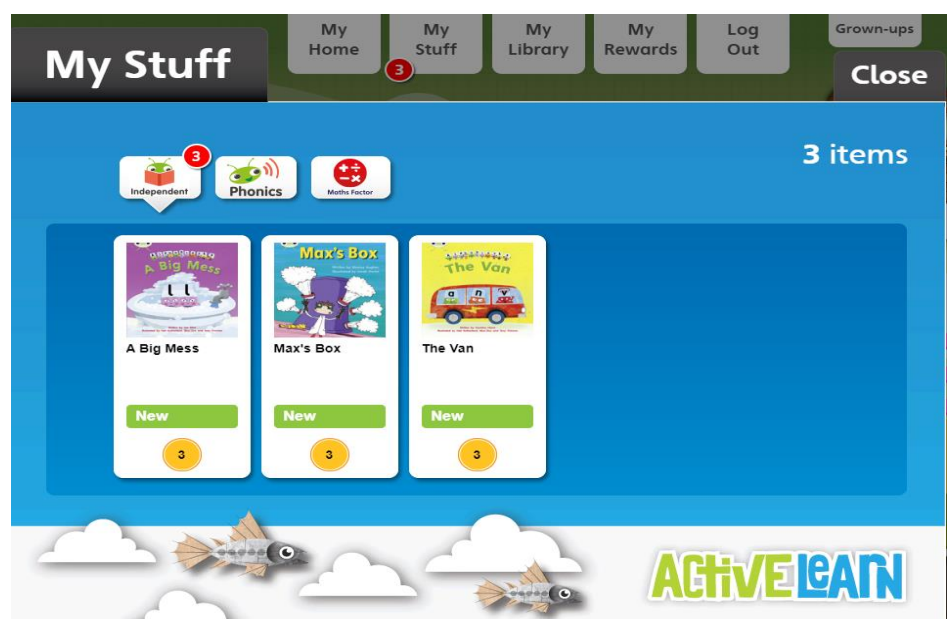
Use My Home to change the home page theme.

My Stuff is where any new work gets sent to. The number displayed indicates how many pieces of have been allocated to your child.

Step 2: *Open My Stuff to see what's been allocated*

At the bottom of each book or game you can see a gold coin and a number. This number indicates how many coins the child will get for attempting every game and reading to the end of the book and answering all quiz questions included in it.
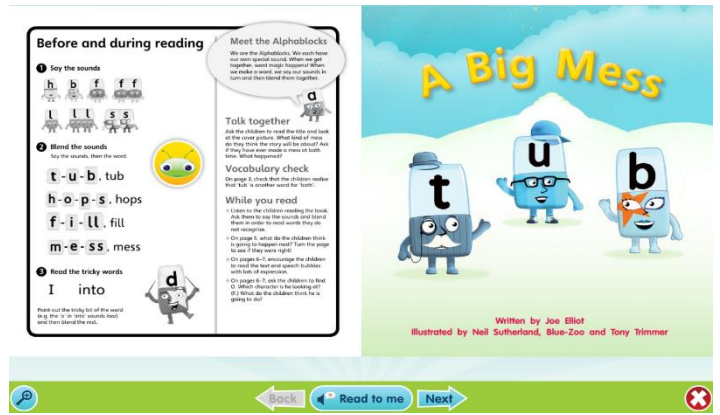
eBooks will be allocated alongside your child bringing home a paper book to share at home. Below explains ways to support your child with their reading of these.

Step 3: *Open one of the books*

On the left of the inside cover, you can see which sounds and letters will be covered in the books, as well as any tricky words and some top tips to help your child.

You will notice that there is a yellow circle with a bug's face in the middle (on the eBook inside their Bug World). This is the hotspot icon and whenever you click on it there will be an activity to do.

In the bottom left of the screen you have a magnifying glass should you wish to zoom in.

In the bottom middle we have a Read to me function. If you click on this the narrator will read the book aloud. We advise that your child attempts to read it by themselves first if you want to use the Read to me function.

In the bottom right corner, you can close the book.
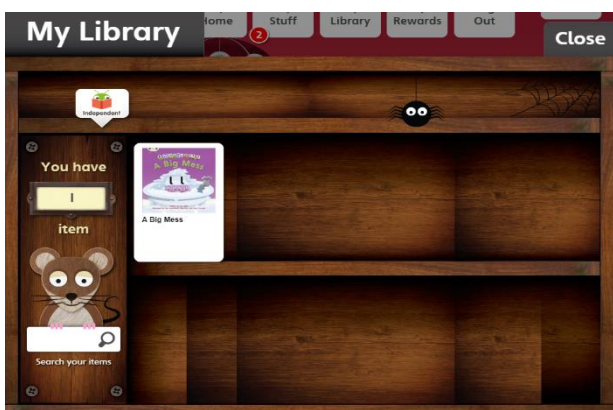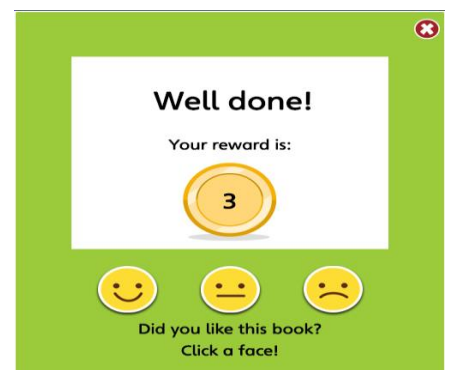
Step 4: *Completing a book*

Comprehension style questions to encourage discussion are included inside the back, right cover of the books. There are also other activities you can support your child with to help develop their phonic skills further.

At the end of the eBooks there will be an activity to do with your child. Again, it is accessed via the yellow circle with bugs face. Once you are ready to finish, click the cross to close the book.

To help us see when your child has read the books in the Bug World, they need to complete the bug activities. This then helps us see how they got on and when they need something new allocating.

For eBooks, once you read to the end and attempt all of the activities, your child will be given a reward and the opportunity to say whether they liked the book.

This helps us to support your child with their following choices.

Once you finish a book it will drop out of My Stuff and move into My Library. Your child can read this any time they wish, but they won't be able to earn additional coins.

Step 5*: How to find games that have been allocated*

Games can be accessed in the 'My Stuff' tab.

As with the eBooks, the gold coin represents how many coins the child will get as a reward for completing the game. They only receive coins once for completing the game but it would be really helpful for them to practice them further until new games are allocated.

A LITTLE AND OFTEN – we suggest 10/15 minutes a day.

Step 6*: Playing the games*

Whenever you open a game the first step is to click the play button and the narrator will provide the instructions for the game. You can also click the Guide button at the top right of the screen for written instructions.

In every game your child will have 3 chances to answer each question. If they get all three wrong, the narrator will provide the correct answer.
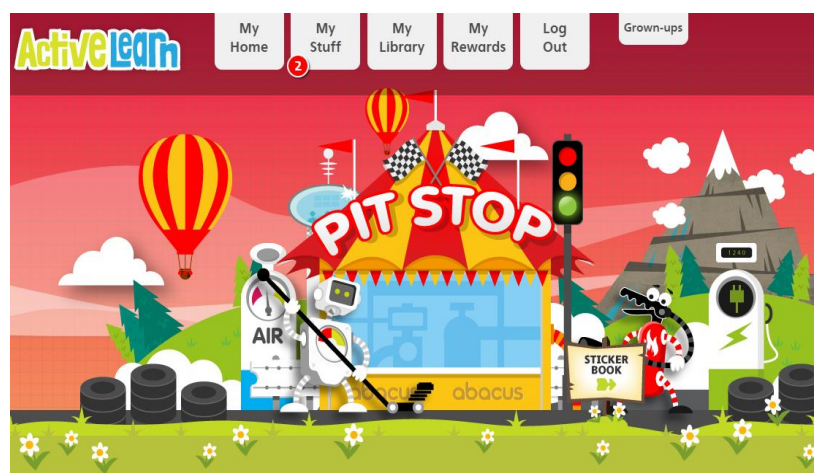
You can see how you did in the score counter. A green hexagon is shown for each question answered correctly and a red hexagon is shown for each answered incorrectly.

Step 7*: Spending the coins*

Over time, your child will accumulate more and more coins as they complete games and read more and more Bug Club Phonics books. You can see just how many coins they have on the homepage.

Now for their favourite part (after reading the eBooks of course), spending those coins.

Click on My Rewards to spend the coins. In the Pit Stop area children can play a racing game; in the Sticker Factory area they can buy digital stickers; finally, in The Tree House, they can decorate their tree house.

Other helpful things to know:

Grown-ups area - In this area there are some top tips and information on how you can help your child read from home.

Need help?

You can also use the Help guide link to go over any functionality or technical support questions.

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