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Dear Parent,

I just wanted to say 'thank-you' for supporting your child with their reading and ensuring they complete their reading log. I know Mrs Earp was really impressed with the overall standard and number of entries. As you know reading is a particular focus this year for the school, as we attempt to increase children's 'reading stamina.' We have found that texts used in end of year assessments have got longer and some children struggle to finish reading them. We have also noticed that the questions children are expected to answer have become much more challenging.

I am writing to remind you of Bug Club and how we are intending to use it in class. The children will be given a text which we would like them to read at home. This will possibly be over a 2 week period. Myself and Mrs Potter will be using this text in guided reading sessions and children will have much more confidence and fluency in their reading if they have already read it. We will be able to see which children have answered the questions, but we will not in any way be naming and shaming! It will simply be helpful to correct any common misunderstandings or skip over questions they are secure with. The reason we are using Bug Club is because we've found that the questions are very similar to the ones asked in the SATs.

Obviously, any reading can be recorded in their reading log and they may wish to have two books on the go. I personally love the feel of a book and do not want in any way to discourage this. However, Bug Club is a great resource and it would be silly to ignore this. The children will be told which book they are reading. Currently it is 'Finding a Friend.'

I understand that there may be some families who do not have a computer/iPad etc. so please come and see me if this is the case.

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Happy reading

Mr Lake