

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child has now successfully completed our phonics scheme, Read, Write, Inc. and has graduated to the next step of our school reading journey. How exciting! Both within-school, and for home reading, your child will now be using [MyBookBlog](#).

[MyBookBlog \(MyBB\)](#) is a fantastic website through which children can write about, answer questions and learn new exciting facts about their chosen book. This really motivates and encourages the children to look deeper into the content of their book and 'magpie' (steal) words to use within their own vocabulary.

First, children will choose their own hard copy of a book from a range of high-quality texts on our school MyBB shelves. Each child will have their own MyBB log-in, and will then add their chosen book to their virtual bookshelf. Following this, MyBB has four main challenges for the children to complete after they have read the correlating section of their book: a comprehension quiz, a vocabulary quiz, a short blog and a poll.

We have worked with your child in-school to ensure that they are familiar with how to independently log-on and use MyBB, and teachers and TAs are able to monitor your child's blogs and progress throughout.

MyBB books are sorted into 'challenge' levels, which helps to ensure that your child is reading a book that is appropriate for them and is supportive of their learning. Challenge levels are decided upon by teacher judgement and reviews of previous assessment scores. So far, most children starting MyBookBlog in Year 3 children have found themselves starting on challenge level 2. These levels will be regularly reviewed to ensure that your child is making good progress within this level. It is important to note that whilst also promoting fluency, MyBB focuses predominantly on the children's comprehension and understanding of texts, which heavily dictates their challenge level. Whilst they may be able to read the text fluently, they must also demonstrate sound understanding of the comprehension and vocabulary within the book before being ready to move up a challenge level. We have also labelled some books with a red sticker on the back, this indicates that these books are only appropriate for Years 5 and 6 due to the more mature nature of their content. If a book is levelled higher than your child's challenge level, the book will not be available to them on MyBookBlog.

[FAQs:](#)

[Will my child still have a RWI book each week?](#)

No. This scheme is the next step in your child's reading journey, having successfully completed the RWI reading scheme. Rather than changing and sending home a new *RWI* reading book home each week, the children will be free to choose their own MyBB book from school to read at home. There is no set day to change these books, the children simply change them for a new book once completed. We encourage children to read whatever they want – the most important thing is that we support them in fostering a love of reading.

[Will my child still have to bring their book into school on an allocated day?](#)

Yes – your child's teacher/TA will discuss this with you. Your child will be asked to bring in their home reading book on a certain day each week – this will allow the teachers and TAs to read 1:1 with your child and continually monitor their progress.

[My child wants to read a book they have at home, is this okay?](#)

Absolutely! However, before starting the book, your child must ensure that it is accessible to them on MyBB i.e., firstly, that the book is on MyBB and secondly, that it is not beyond their challenge level. If they type a book into the book search bar and it does not appear, this means the book is not available to them. Please note that when typing the book into the search bar, spelling must be 100% accurate or it will not appear.



How do I access/use MyBookBlog at home?

The website is accessible on your child's class page of the school website- it is labelled "MyBookBlog Student Log In". Your child must then choose their class and name before entering their password. Each child has a unique password – consisting of an animal, a colour and a pin. Please instil the importance of not sharing private information, such as usernames and passwords, with your child.

Once the children have chosen a book, they can use the "book search" bar to add it to their virtual bookshelf. From there, they have access to all four main activities. They cannot move onto the next section of the book on MyBB until they have completed all of these activities. Once they have completed their book, they can return the book to school and choose a new book to start the process again. Over time their collection will grow as they complete each book.

How often should I read to my child under this new scheme?

You should still aim to read with your child for a minimum of 10-15 minutes a day most evenings (although they may wish to read more than this!). You can alternate how you do this to keep it exciting: you could read to them; they could read to you or they could even read with another family member such as a sibling or grandparent.

Does my child need to complete the MyBookBlog activities at home?

Yes - your child will be expected to complete the correlating MyBookBlog activities alongside their home reading book **at home**- you could take the time to do this each time they finish the next section of their book in lieu of reading that evening. Ideally, particularly for shorter Year 3 level texts, we expect one MyBookBlog section to be completed each week.

Do I still need to make notes in my child's home reading diary?

No. The children will no longer have home reading diaries, as teachers are able to see how much children are reading at home based on their MyBB progress. Instead, children will be given a card bookmark, on which they are asked to write down any words they are unfamiliar with or have struggled with (along with the page number they found the word on). These words will then be reviewed by the teacher/TA during their 1:1 reading time together. Please encourage the children to use these bookmarks at home!

How am I kept up to date with my child's progress on MyBookBlog?

MyBB sends weekly emails to those parents and carers for whom we have email addresses. Each email says which books your child has read that week and what their favourite words and facts were. It also makes a suggestion for something to talk about.

Finally, the children know that these books are valued, and that they are to be well looked after and returned swiftly to school once completed. When your child brings their home reading book into school on their allocated reading day, please ensure they continue to bring it in inside their book-bag so that they are protected and kept clean inside their school bags. Please note that if your child loses or causes undue damage to their home reading book, you will be asked to pay for a like for like replacement.

We hope both you and your children enjoy this new scheme; we look forward to seeing what magical reading adventures the children take themselves upon!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Clemens.



Here is your child's activity log. This is where they can track what they have done in that session, or previous sessions.

Here is your child's virtual bookshelf. This is where books they are reading, books they want to read and have read will appear. You can only have 3 'open' books at a time. If the book has a pink bookmark in, it means it is 'open'.

Here is your child's Word Wall. This is where all of their 'favourited' words appear. Challenge them to use a word throughout the day!

Here are the 'collectables' (fact cards) that children can collect from the 'Fact File' section of their MyBB page.

Here are the fact files for enjoyment!

The Power Words wall contains definitions and pictures of all adventurous words from the book. Please encourage your child to look through them BEFORE completing the vocab quiz.

Here is the blog, vocabulary quiz, comprehension quiz and poll

This section tells you what chapters your child needs to read before completing the correlating activities! If it says 1-3 it means they must read chapters 1, 2 & 3 before completing the activities.