

**Letter to parents**

December 2015

Dear parents of pupils in Year 1,

We are taking part in a project with Pearson to look at the effects of the Bug Club Reading Service on your children's reading. The project is being carried out by the Institute of Education, University of London and Pearson, and involves schools across the United Kingdom.

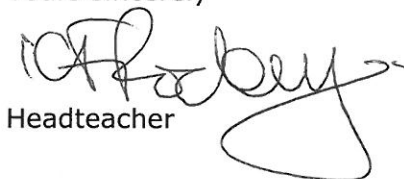
Pupils will be assessed during the study in January and June/July 2016. Year 1 and 2 pupils will be given some activities to see how their reading is progressing and how they feel about reading.

The InCAS tests will be used, which are developed by the Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring, University of Durham. The tests are simple for the children to do, also designed to be fun and will give us useful information about what children know about reading. The children will then use the Bug Club Reading Service materials in addition to their usual classroom programme and we will see if that increases their progress and enjoyment of reading.

The work is of great importance in providing information about different ways to improve children's reading. Your help, and that of your child, will be greatly appreciated. However, if you would rather your child did not take part please contact your school and inform the head teacher by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

If you have any queries, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

  
Headteacher