



## Reading Book Bands

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Reading books are 'banded' by difficulty. The chart below gives an indication of which bands most children will be reading at as they progress through the school. The earlier reading bands are then split according to where children have reached in the phonics teaching, in line with the Twinkl SSP.

The chart shows the progress of an 'average' band child – but no individual child is 'average', so no child will make progress in precisely this way. Children tend to learn in fits and starts – periods of growth, followed by periods of consolidation when their progress through reading bands may seem to halt for a while. This is where they may need consolidation of a phase in Letters and Sounds or need more work on comprehension. The halts are just as important as the starts as this is where a child develops confidence in using and applying their newly acquired skills.

The English Team do request that a child does not move beyond the top band within their year group so that children are really given a chance to do this. Please speak to the English Leader if you ever need advice on this.

Please note that Lime with Spots does not exist in the KS2 Library but is there for our most confident (GD) readers in Year 2. Children who reach the end of Grey in Year 4 are considered free readers but all children are banded and should choose a book from an appropriate band in the library but again not moving beyond the highest band for their year group. Dark Blue, Dark Red and Black are banded not only according to comprehension levels but according to age appropriateness.

Lilac	No words Use pics to structure storytelling	Level 1	Year R	
Pink a	Set 1: s,a,t,p Set 2: i,n,m,d Set 3: g,o,c,k	Level 2a	Year R	
Pink b	Set 1: ck, e,u,r Set 2: h,b, f, l Set 3: ff, ll, ss, s(z)	Level 2b	Year R	
Pink c	Level 2 Consolidation	Level 2c	Year R	
Red a	Set 1: j,v,w,x Set 2: y,z,zz,qu,ch Set 3: sh, th, ng	Level 3a	Year R	
Red b	Set 1: ai,ee,igh,oa Set 2: oo,oo,ar,or Set 3: ur,ow,oi,ear Set 4: air,ure,er	Level 3b	Year R	
Red c	Level 3 Consolidation	Level 3c	Year R	
Yellow a	CVCC/CCVC words	Level 4a Level 4b	Year R/1	
Yellow b	Polysyllabic words and 3 letter adjacent consonants	Level 4c	Year R/1	

Blue		Level 5a	Year 1	
Green		Level 5b	Year 1	
Orange		Level 5c	Year 1/2	
Turquoise		Level 6a	Year 2	
Purple		Level 6b	Year 2	
Gold		Level 6c	Year 2	
White			Year 2	
Lime			Year 2	
Lime with Spots			Year 2 only	
Brown			Year 3	
Grey			Year 4	
Dark Blue			Year 5	
Dark Red			Year 6	
Black			Year 6 GD	

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