



Book Bands Comparison Chart

Book Band/ Colour	Words	Phonics Phase	Approximate age (Y:M)	If a child is confident in reading at this level they are on track to achieve end of year expectations from the English National Curriculum.	Bug Club	Collins BIG CAT	Heinemann Storyworlds	Heineman n Literacy World	Oxford Reading Tree (New titles*)	Oxford TreeTops
Lilac	0	Phase 1	3:6 - 4:6	Rec T1	Lilac	0 Lilac			Level 1	
Pink	Under 25	Phase 2	4:6 - 5:0	Rec T2	Pink	1A Pink A/ 1B Pink B	Stage 1		Level 1+	
Red	25-45/ 45-80	Phase 3/4	4:6 - 5:0	Rec T3	Red	2A Red A/ 2B Red B	Stage 2		Level 2	
Yellow	80-120	Phase 4	5:0 - 5:6	Y1 T1	Yellow	3 Yellow	Stage 3		Level 3	
Blue	100-200	Phase 5	5:6 - 6:2	Y1 T2	Blue	4 Blue	Stage 4		Level 4	
Green	200-300	Phase 5	5:6 – 6:2	Y1 T3	Green	5 Green	Stage 5		Level 5	
Orange	300-450	Phase 5	6:3 – 6:9	Y2 T1	Orange	6 Orange	Stage 6		Level 6	
Turquoise	450-600	Phase 6	6:3 – 6:9	Y2 T1/2	Turquoise	7 Turquoise	Stage 7		Level 7	
Purple	600-850	Phase 6	6:10 – 7:2	Y2 T2	Purple	8 Purple	Stage 8		Level 8	
Gold	850-1100	Phase 6	7:3 – 7:9	Y2 T3	Gold	9 Gold	Stage 9		Level 9	
White	1100-1500	Phase 6	7:10 – 8:2	Y2 T3	White	10 White			Level 10	
Lime	1500-2000	Phase 6	8:3 – 8:9	Y2 T3	Lime	11 Lime			Level 11	
Brown	Over 2000	Year 3	8:3 – 8:9 (A) 8:10 – 9:9 (B)	Y3	Brown A Brown B	12 Copper/ 13 Topaz		Stage 1		Level 9/ 10/ 11
Grey		Year 4	9:10 – 10:8 (A) 10:9 – 11:2 (B)	Y4	Grey A Grey B	14 Ruby/ 15 Emerald		Stage 2		Level 12/ 13/ 14

Dark Blue		Year 5	11:3 – 11:9 (A) 11:10 – 12:8 (B)	Y5	Dark Blue A Dark Blue B	16 Sapphire		Stage 3		Level 15/ 16
Dark Red		Year 6	12:19 – 13:2 (A) 13:3 – 13:9 (B) 13:10 – 14:2 (A+) 14:3 – 14:9 (B+)	Y6	Dark Red A Dark Red B Dark Red A+ Dark Red B+	17 Diamond		Stage 4		Level 17
Black		Year 6 +			Black	18 Pearl				

* Older titles, e.g. Biff, Chip and Kipper stories, may not always fall into the correct book band.

Note: When pupils reach the end of the lime book band they should be free readers. After that, each band from brown to black, is a guide to the band for each year group.