

Book Bands Comparison Chart

| Book Band/ Colour | Phonics Phase | Year Group Expectation | Collins BIG CAT | Heinemann Storyworlds | Oxford Reading Tree |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 Lilac | | | 0 Lilac | | Level 1 |
| 1 Pink | Phase 2 | Reception | 1A Pink A/ 1B Pink B | Stage 1 | Level 1+ |
| 2 Red | Phase 3 | Reception | 2A Red A/ 2B Red B | Stage 2 | Level 2 |
| 3 Yellow | Phase 3/4 | End of Reception | 3 Yellow | Stage 3 | Level 3 |
| 4 Blue | Phase 4/5 | Reception / Year 1 | 4 Blue | Stage 4 | Level 4 |
| 5 Green | Phase 5 | Year 1 | 5 Green | Stage 5 | Level 5 |
| 6 Orange | Phase 5/6 | Year 1 | 6 Orange | Stage 6 | Level 6 |
| 7 Turquoise | Phase 5/6 | End of Year 1 | 7 Turquoise | Stage 7 | Level 7 |
| 8 Purple | Phase 6 | Year 2 | 8 Purple | Stage 8 | Level 8 |
| 9 Gold | Phase 6 | Year 2 | 9 Gold | Stage 9 | Level 9 |
| 10 White | | End of Year 2 | 10 White | | Level 10 |
| 11 Lime | | Year 3 | 11 Lime | | Level 11 |
| 12 Brown | Year 3 | Year 3 | 12 Copper/ 13 Topaz | | |
| 13 Grey | Year 4 | Year 4 | 14 Ruby/ 15 Emerald | | |
| 14 Dark Blue | Year 5 | Year 5 | 16 Sapphire | | |
| 15 Dark Red | Year 6 | Year 6 | 17 Diamond | | |
| 16 Black | Year 6 + | Year 6+ | 18 Pearl | | |

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.