



Shared Reading Books

These are picture books that have been levelled to the widely used colour banding levels from Reception to the KS1. These texts aim to support children in learning to read alongside our new decodable readers.

- **Shared reading books can be changed daily.**
- **These books are for you to enjoy with your child, to read to them, re-read with them and then read again.**

As your child moves through the colour bands you will find that they can read more and more of the text by themselves. This means that sometimes your child will be encouraged to keep a book for several days so that they can develop their word recognition, fluency and confidence. Your child is awarded a ribbon as they move through each colour.

The book bands begin with lilac, (wordless picture books), and finish with lime, (more complex texts). This is not to say that your child has finished learning to read when they have reached lime, but has accomplished reading at a level best fitted for the end of KS1.

Please remember that all children learn to read at a different pace and some may take longer than others. We aim to support all children in learning to become a reader and to enjoy books.

Decodable Reading Books



These are texts that match the phonic programme we use in school. All the words in these books use the phonics and common exception words that have been taught.

- **Decodable reading books will be changed once a week on Mondays.**
- **These books are for your child to read independently, with your support in sounding out and blending when necessary.**

Please read, re-read and read again to help develop your child's fluency and word recognition.

This book is to be kept in the reading plastic pocket to help protect it. You will find useful information in each book, with suggestions for activities, questions to ask and words/sounds to focus on.

Your child will also have access to eBooks which will cover the sounds your child has already met.

Whilst the decodable books are colour banded there may be times when this colour does not tie in with the colour of their shared reading book that they are taking home.