

Reading Schemes and Phonics

Within Key Stage 1, a coloured book banded system is used to teach early reading. Reading books are graded by difficulty by reading levels known as Book Bands. Each Book Band has its own colour. The chart below gives an indication of the range of Book Band levels at which most children will be reading as they progress through Key Stage 1. This approach ensures that children are on track to reach age related expectations in reading.

Reading Colour	Pink	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Turquoise	Purple	Gold
Phonics Phase	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	
EYFS		July EYFS							
Year 1						July Yr 1			
Year 2									July Yr 2

Phonics is taught daily following the Department for Education approved scheme Letters and Sounds. More information can be found [here](#). In Early Years, the Jolly Phonics scheme is used to introduce children to the sounds. We take a whole class systematic approach to teaching phonics to ensure that all children are taught keeping up with the ideal trajectory of 'Letters and Sounds' and the pace of learning is appropriately challenging. Typically, every class in in Key Stage 1 is taught a daily phonics lesson lasting 20 minutes.

All children in Year One will take the Phonics screening in June, to check they know the correct amount of sounds.

Any child who did not pass the Phonics screening test in Year One will re sit the screening in Year 2, in the month of June.