

GGA Book Banding

In Reception and Year 1 (and in Year 2 for those who have not passed the phonics screening test), children should take home two books weekly – one should be phonetically decodable and one should be a ‘love of reading’ book.

In Year 2 upwards, children should have two books – one staged book and one chosen book from the library or a class book corner. The staged book should match their ability in decoding and comprehension. The chosen book may be a book which is read to them and is above the level at which they can decode. However, adults should ensure that the content is age appropriate.

Colour	Phonics Phase	Suggested year group
Dark purple	Phase 1	Preschool/Acorns
Pink	Phase 2	Reception
Red	Phase 3	
Yellow	Phase 4	
Green	Phase 5a	Year 1
Orange	Phase 5b and 5c	Year 2
Royal blue	Phase 6/Oxford Reading Tree Level 6	
Turquoise	Oxford Reading Tree Level 7	
Brown	Oxford Reading Tree Level 8	Year 2/3 (there are separate KS1 and KS2 brown books)
Gold	Oxford Reading Tree Level 9	Year 2/3 (there are separate KS1 and KS2 gold books)
White	Oxford Reading Tree Level 10	Year 2/3 (there are separate KS1 and KS2 white books)
Light green	Oxford Reading Tree Level 11	Year 2/3 (there are separate KS1 and KS2 books)
Lime	Oxford Reading Tree Level 12	Year 2/3 (there are separate KS1 and KS2 lime books)
Neon yellow	Oxford Reading Tree Level 13	Year 3
Dark green	Oxford Reading Tree Level 14	Year 3/4
Dark red	Oxford Reading Tree Level 15	Year 4
Grey	Oxford Reading Tree Level 16	Year 4/5
Lilac	Oxford Reading Tree Level 17	Year 5
Shiny silver	Oxford Reading Tree Level 18	Year 5/6
Bright blue	Oxford Reading Tree Level 19	Year 6
Black	Oxford Reading Tree Level 20	Year 6