

## Family Guide to Book Bands

Year *	ORT Stages	Book Band	Description	Typical Books/Series
FS/ Y1	1 Grey	Grey	Pictures on every page, no words	<i>The Snowman</i> – Raymond Briggs <i>Hug</i> – Jez Alborough
	1+ Purple	1 Pink	Small amount of words in large print with lots of pictures	<i>Pirate Pat</i> (Usborne Very First Reading)
	2 Green	2 Red	Simple CVC words (consonant/vowel/consonant) such as 'sat'	<i>Clever Little Monkey</i> (Hachette Tadpoles)
	3 Blue	3 Yellow	Pictures on every page, longer sentences with CCVC and CVCC words such as 'chip' and 'mash'	<i>Where's Spot?</i> – Eric Hill <i>Each Peach Pear Plum</i> – J & A Ahlberg
Y1/ Y2	4 Red	4 Blue		<i>Percy and the Badger</i> – Nick Butterworth <i>The Ugly Duckling</i> – (Ladybird Read it Yourself Level 1)
	5 Yellow	5 Green	Longer stories of around 250-300 words, more space given to text, more characters and more tricky words	<i>The Fox and the Crow</i> – (Usborne First Reading Level 1) <i>Topsy &amp; Tim: Go to London</i> – (Ladybird Read it Yourself Level 2)
	6 Orange	6 Orange		<i>Meg and Mog</i> – Helen Nicoll <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> – Michael Rosen
Y2/ Y3	7 Sage	7 Turquoise	Extended stories with longer and more unusual words	<i>Thumbelina</i> – (Usborne First Reading Level 4) <i>Funnybones</i> – Janet & Allan Ahlberg
	8 Brown	8 Purple		<i>Early Reader Horrid Henry</i> – Francesca Simon <i>Owl Babies</i> – Martin Waddell <i>Winnie the Witch</i> – Valerie Thomas
	9 Turquoise	9 Gold	Very first chapter books, occasional pages without any pictures, simple language and sentences	<i>Early Reader Rainbow Fairies</i> – Daisy Meadows <i>Early Reader Beast Quest</i> – Adam Blade <i>The Large Family</i> – Jill Murphy
Y3/ Y4	10 Magenta	10 White		<i>Little Animal Ark</i> – Lucy Daniels <i>Posh Watson</i> – Gillian Cross (Walker Books Sprinters Series) <i>Stories of Knights</i> – (Usborne Young Reading Series One)
	11 Burgundy	11 Lime	Longer, more complex chapter books with less pictures and an increasing number of tricky words	<i>Rainbow Magic Series</i> – Daisy Meadows <i>Secret Kingdom Series</i> – Rosie Banks <i>Books for Boys Series</i> – Ian Whybrow (Hachette)
	12 White	12 Brown		<i>Magic Animal Friends Series</i> – Daisy Meadows <i>Dirty Bertie Series</i> – David Roberts <i>Flat Stanley Series</i> – Jeff Brown
<b>Free Readers</b>				

*\* Approximate guide only, every child reads at their own pace!*