

Colour Coded Book Band Progression

At Kea School, our reading books are colour coded from lilac through to dark red plus. These bands run throughout the EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The banding system ensures children access the right reading material to help them make progress with their decoding skills, be exposed to new vocabulary and improve their comprehension skills. Pupils are regularly assessed so that they move between bands at a pace appropriate to their own progress.

EYFS	Lilac
	Pink
	Red
Year 1	Red
	Yellow
	Blue
	Green
	Orange
Year 2	Turquoise
	Purple
	Gold
Year 3	White
	Lime
	Brown
	Grey
Year 4	Grey
	Dark Blue
Year 5	Dark Blue
	Dark Red
Year 6	Dark Red
	Dark Red +

Whilst these bands are a useful guide, it is important to remember that the pace at which children learn to read varies enormously for each individual. One child may move steadily through the bands whilst another child may stay on a colour band for longer whilst they consolidate new learning or develop deeper comprehension skills. It is vital that children do not “race” through the bands as gaps in their reading and comprehension skills may develop, hindering their fluency and deeper understanding. Please see “Reading Prompts” documents for further guidance with comprehension and questioning.