



Book Band Progression



Milestones	Year Group	Book Band		Oxford Level
First Steps in Reading	Reception (4 – 5 years old)	Level 1 (lilac)	Phonetically Decodable Books	1
		Level 1+ (pink)		1+
		Level 2 (red)		2
		Level 3 (yellow)		3
Beginning Reader	Year 1 (5 – 6 years old)	Level 4 (blue)		4
		Level 5 (green)		5
		Level 6 / Orange	6	
Starting to Read Alone	Year 2 (6 – 7 years old)	Turquoise	Short Chapter Books	7
		Purple		8
		Gold		9
Gaining More Independence	Year 3 (7 – 8 years old)	White		10
		Lime		11
		Brown		12
Broadening Experience	Year 4 (8 – 9 years old)	Grey	13	
		Dark Blue	14	
Skilled Reader	Year 5 (9 – 10 years old)	Dark Blue	Long Chapter Books	15
		Dark Red		16
Highly Skilled Reader	Year 6 (10 – 11 years old)	Dark Red		17
		Dark Red		18
		Dark Red		19
		Dark Red		20