

Reading Progression through FS and KS1 for Letters and Sounds

This is an approximate match of phonic knowledge to book levels.

Year group	School term	Letters and Sounds Phase	Phonically-decodable book level
F2 Reception 4-5 years	Autumn 1	2 (6 weeks)	PINK
	Autumn 2	3 (12+ weeks)	
	Spring 1	3	RED
	Spring 2	3	
	Summer 1	4 (4+ weeks)	
	Summer 2	Consolidation	YELLOW
1 5 - 6 years	Autumn	5	BLUE
	Spring	5	GREEN
	Summer	5	ORANGE
2 6 - 7 years	Autumn	6	TURQUOISE
	Spring		PURPLE
	Summer		GOLD

Please note – not all publishers' colour banding matches Letters and Sounds Phases. Consider the Reading Checklists when organising books.