

Reading Scheme

Purwell Primary school follows The Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme, and the books are levelled according to a system used in most UK Primary schools, called 'book bands'. There are eleven book bands, and the chart below shows which book bands are appropriate for children of different ages. Obviously this chart can only give a rough idea of the right level for each child. There will be a wide range of reading abilities in any school year. As a rough guide, children should be able to read at least 90% of the words on the page without any problem. If the book is too easy, they can become bored. If it's too difficult, they can become frustrated, and may have to concentrate so hard on reading the words that they lose the enjoyment of understanding the story. Once children achieve level 6 Lime, they progress to popular children's story books from a variety of authors which are also book banded using the 'book bands' levels.

Book Band	Year Group
Pink 4 – 5	Reception / Primary 1
Red 4 – 5	Reception
Yellow 5 – 6	Year 1
Blue 5 – 6	Year 1
Green 5 – 6	Year 1
Orange 6 – 7	Year 2
Turquoise 6 – 7	Year 2
Purple 6 – 7	Year 2
Gold 6 – 7	Year 2
White 6 – 7	Year 2
Lime 6 – 7	Year 2
Copper – 7	Year 3/4
Topaz – 8	Year 3/4
Ruby – 9	Year 4/5
Emerald – 10	Year 5/6
Sapphire/Diamond - 11	Year 6