

Fox Hill Primary: Guide to Book Bands

PM Benchmark level / Reading Recovery level	Colour Band	Old National Curriculum Level	New Learning Step	Letters & Sounds Phonic Phase	Approximate Reading Age
1 2	PINK	P7	STEP 13	2	< 5
3 4 5	RED	P8	STEP 14	3	5
6 7 8	YELLOW	1c	STEP 15	3 / 4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 10 11	BLUE	1b	STEP 16	4 / 5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 6
12 13 14	GREEN	1b	STEP 17	5	6 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 16	ORANGE	1a	STEP 18	5 / 6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7
17 18	TURQUOISE	1a	STEP 19	5 / 6	7 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 20	PURPLE	2c	STEP 20	6	7 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
21 22	GOLD	2b	STEP 21	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 8
23 24	WHITE (Silver)	2a	STEP 22	-	8 - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
25 26	EMERALD LIME	3c	STEP 23 - 24	-	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9
27 28	RUBY	3b	STEP 25 - 26	-	9 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
29 30	SAPPHIRE	3a / 4c	STEP 29 - 30	-	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10
Free reading	BLACK	4b +	STEP 31 +	-	11 +