

Book Bands





Introduction

Reading books are often graded in complexity by reading levels known as book bands. These are the titles by which children learn to read, then go on to develop and practise their reading skills. Each book is graded from lilac to dark red. This colour standardisation has been adopted by many publishers and allows for measured reading progress across a wide range of materials*.

In this brochure, we have provided a comprehensive overview of the book band market, highlighting major publishers and supplying detailed descriptions for each of the series they offer. The two tables on the following pages will allow you to compare and contrast; the first table showcases the categories that the series cover, whilst the second table highlights the levels that the series cater for.

At Peters, we have a dedicated book band area in our Birmingham based showroom which stocks an extensive range of samples across all levels featuring schemed, non-schemed, fiction and non-fiction titles. We are proud to have over eight decades of experience, and our team of librarians have the knowledge and expertise to help you find the right books for you. To find out how we can help, get in touch with us today on **0121 666 6646** or email **hello@peters.co.uk**. There's no limit to the support we'll provide; no request is too big or too small, and we tailor our service to what suits you. Individual book band titles and book band packs can also be purchased online at **schools.peters.co.uk**.

*Book banding provenance can be attributed to a variety of sources; The Institute of Education, Reading Recovery professionals and the publishers themselves (whether in consultation with experts or in-house). There's no scientific formula and some series are more rigorously tested than others.











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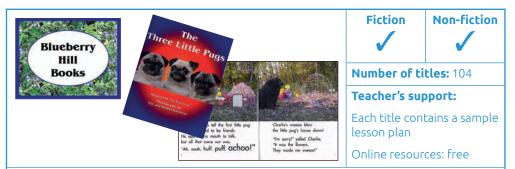
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Reading Recovery levels		1-2	3-5	6-8	9-11
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Cambridge Reading Adventures					
Collins Big Cat					
Egmont Reading Ladders					
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Hachette Orchard Books					
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Blueberry Hill Books

A well-structured scheme with Reading Recovery levels that aim to develop early literacy skills and reinforce basic concepts. Critical thinking and research skills are built upon by using recurring characters and different narrative structures.



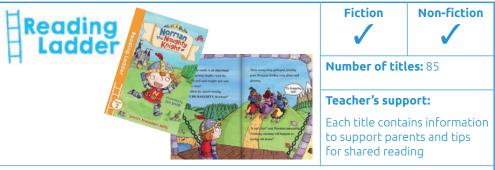
Cambridge Reading Adventures

This culturally relevant reading scheme is designed around a pedagogical approach in collaboration with the IOE. The titles are set in international contexts and are mapped to a range of international curricula. They include traditional tales, contemporary and historic settings, non-fiction reports and explanation texts.



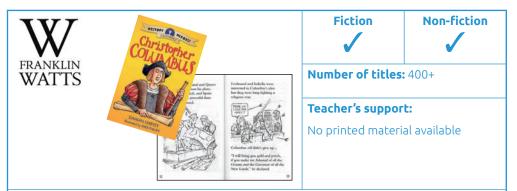
Collins Big Cat

A whole school resource. Each level features different styles and genres; traditional tales, predictable structures, patterned language, familiar settings, fantasy stories, humorous stories, stories from other cultures, poems, instruction texts, recounts, plays, information books, non-chronological reports, biographies and persuasive texts. It has a mix of illustrative styles and many non-fiction titles are in line with the English national curriculum.



Egmont Reading Ladder

Structured around three levels (beginning to read, growing in confidence and reading independently), these titles are designed to help the child develop their reading skills alone or through supported shared reading. The series has a fresh new look with well-known authors and illustrators and features characters that will appeal to children. (Previously published as the Bananas series.)



Hachette Franklin Watts

Franklin Watts' list incorporates a number of book banded series that are predominantly non-fiction, with links to the English national curriculum as well as many leisure titles. High production values provide a quality reading experience for children.



Hachette Orchard Books

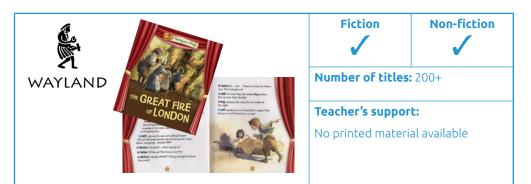
A range of series employing different styles to engage and enthuse readers. The series offers the following:

Early Years: Tiddlers, Tadpoles, Tadpole Learners, Reading Champion, Froglets. **Key Stage 1:** Reading Champion, Froglets Learners, Must Know Stories, Race Ahead with Reading, Hopscotch Twisty Tales.

Key Stage 2: Race Further with Reading, Must Know Stories Level 2, Great Events and History Heroes.

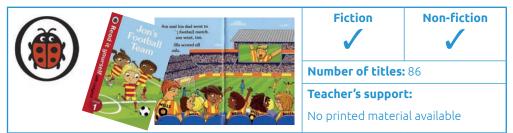
Ensures child appeal through contemporary illustrations and photographs. Multicultural images and humorous elements also add to the value of the titles.

Hachette free reading encompasses a range of strong brands such as Beast Quest, Rainbow Fairies, Horrid Henry plus many more, these titles encourage children to develop the reading habit.



Hachette Wayland

Wayland's non-fiction book banded series combine high production values with a range of titles that support the English national curriculum as well as many leisure reads. The fiction series Start Reading reflects everyday life in a modern multicultural society and is a great resource for every child's reading development.



Ladybird Read it Yourself

Structured around a system of four levels (beginning to read, progression for beginners, growing in confidence and reading independently), these titles progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer, more challenging stories designed to help the child develop their reading skills alone or through shared reading.



Literacy Tower

A whole school resource. Finely levelled for struggling readers in the Reading Recovery programme. Different literary styles introduce decoding strategies and aim to develop whole text comprehension. Recurring characters and different illustrative and photographic styles have child appeal.



Oxford Reading Tree: All Stars

A specialist series of chapter books that bring age-appropriate fiction to infant pupils who are reading at a higher level. The titles by known authors are designed to stretch pupils and develop higher-order comprehension skills.

¥	Fiction	Non-fiction
Oxford Reading Tree	Number of titles	: 228
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Oxford Reading Tree: Biff, Chip and Kip	·	

A proven collection for language development, comprehension and building confidence. It takes the child from wordless titles to the end of Key Stage 1 with fully developed stories using both familiar settings which reassure, and fantasy stories to inspire.



Oxford Reading Tree: Biff, Chip and Kipper Stories: Decode and Develop

Phonically based system which supports language development and comprehension. The series is character based which engages, motivates and inspires developing readers.



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Oxford R	eading Tree: Floppy's Phonics Fic	tion and Non-F	iction

A series of fully decodable Biff, Chip and Kipper fiction and non-fiction titles, ideal for the practice and reinforcement of phonics teaching. Perfect for group work and one-to-one reading practice.



Oxford Reading Tree: Floppy's Phonics Sounds and Letters A structured and rigorous synthetic phonics programme. The step-by-step approach uses familiar characters and aims to deliver early reading and writing success.

Awesome	Fiction	Non-fiction
inFact	Number of titles:	72
	Teacher's support	t:
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Oxford Reading Tree: inFact A series of distinctive Key Stage 1 non-fiction title curriculum. Includes a mix of personal accounts, ly friendly biographies. It employs stunning photogra and illustrators.	yrical style writing) and child

Stapparagons

Oxford Reading Tree: Snapdragons 60 fiction titles employing a range of writing and illustration styles that support improvement in independent reading and reading for pleasure.



Oxford Reading Tree: Songbirds Phonics

This decodable series by Julia Donaldson combines built-in phonic progression with a breadth of rhyme, rhythm and genres.



A new series of captivating stories to develop and deepen comprehension skills. A wide variety of writing styles, plots and artwork are supplied by renowned authors and illustrators, this encourages discussion and inference.



Oxford Reading Tree: Traditional Tales

Fully decodable retellings of stories from around the world. Ideal for introducing key stories and themes from different cultures and traditions. With modern and highly illustrative look, each book contains a story map to help the child retell the story in their own words.



Pearson: Bug Club

A whole school reading programme, from Foundation to Year 6, matched to the English primary curriculum. The series includes decodable comics for phonics titles, plays for independent reading and whole class plays. It also uses licensed character fiction to engage modern readers.



Pearson: Phonics Bug

This series delivers whole class synthetic phonics teaching. The phonics based element is 100% phonically decodable.



Pearson: Rigby Star Guided

A unique guided reading programme built specifically for Foundation and Key Stage 1, incorporating a broad range of fiction and non-fiction readers. The series was developed in conjunction with Reading Recovery professionals.

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Pearson: Rigby Star Independent

A levelled scheme of fiction and non-fiction titles designed for independent readers following on from guided reading sessions. Each title is slightly easier than the equivalent guided reader. The titles contain notes for parents and reading support professionals.

	Fiction	Non-fiction
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PM Gems and Photo Stories

Additional titles to supplement the PM Library for early and emergent readers. The PM Gems titles feature recurring characters from the PM Library to engage readers. The Photo Stories titles use photographic images to reinforce experiences with a multicultural element.



PM Library and PM+

PM Library forms the basis of the reading programme. It has a proven track record of raising reading attainment around the world. PM+ complements the original series and includes a wide range of fiction and non-fiction text types.

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PM Science Facts

A photographic series that explores the scientific world from a child's perspective. Topics are chosen to engage emergent readers.

PM PM	Fiction	Non-fiction
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PM Starters and PM Stars

PM Starters are book band pink titles only with larger format text. They prepare children for PM Library titles.

PM Stars follow on from PM Starters with a mix of photographic and illustrative styles. They use familiar characters from the PM Library.

	Fiction	Non-fiction
	Number of titles: 120	
	Teacher's support:	
	Teacher's handbook: chargeable	
o	One for each year group	

Project X: Alien Adventures

An independent reading series which is 100% decodable and finely levelled so children can read independently right from the start. With gripping stories that transport children to other worlds and ignite a love of reading.







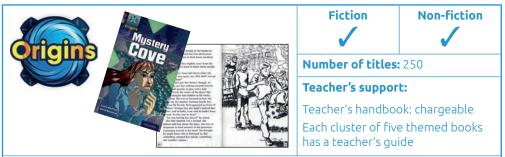
Number of titles: 84

Teacher's support:

Teacher's handbook: chargeable Each book band level has a handbook

Project X: Code

A reading intervention programme to support struggling readers. It develops word recognition and comprehension and has a unique two-text approach to build confidence and develop vocabulary: text 1 is 100% decodable, text 2 is at least 80% decodable.



Project X: Origins

This series provides well-planned and high quality guided reading sessions developed to teach comprehension skills to the highest standards. Structured in thematic clusters of five books, including character fiction, non-fiction and variety fiction.



Project X: Origins Graphic Texts

This series offers a different way to explore challenging texts and develop higher-level comprehension. Texts are enhanced by the highly visual format which generates discussion and extends inference skills. Structured in thematic clusters of four books which include a poetry collection, classic story, non-fiction text and character adventure.

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Project X: Phonics

This series provides embedded teaching notes on each page which aid lesson planning. It is useful for group work and one-to-one reading practice to help children catch up with their peers.



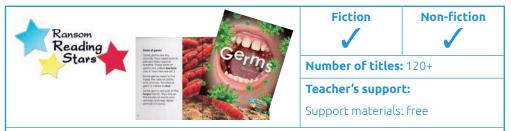
Raintree

The Raintree list incorporates a large number of book banded series that are predominantly non-fiction, which have links to the English national curriculum and many leisure titles. The Curious Fox imprint features a range of Key Stage 2 Free Readers.



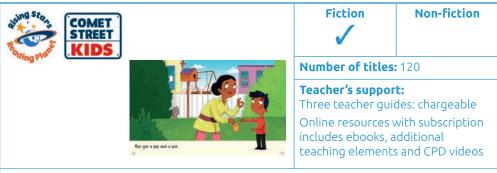
Raintree Engage Literacy

A comprehensive scheme that is Reading Recovery levelled throughout, using different illustrative styles, reflective of modern society. Thematically linked fiction and non-fiction readers aim to engage the child by providing variety and therefore maintaining interest.



Ransom Reading Stars

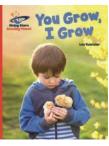
A three pronged reading programme designed to aid the teaching of phonics, provide guided reading texts and support struggling older readers. The carefully levelled texts offer a graduated increase in vocabulary and complexity, and feature high interest topics to appeal to older readers.



Reading Planet Comet Street Kids

Decodable reading books that include support for teachers and parents as well as comprehension questions to check the child's understanding.





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Number of titles: 72

Teacher's support: Three teacher guides: chargeable Online resources with subscription includes ebooks, additional teaching elements and CPD videos

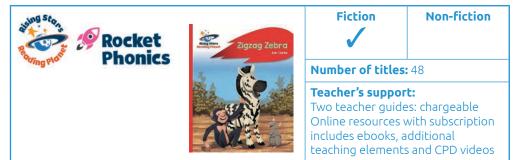
Reading Planet Galaxy

A wide range of different genres and text types appropriate to the child's reading levels are used in this series to widen vocabulary, broaden knowledge and nurture reading for pleasure. Includes comprehension questions for before, during and after reading.



Reading Planet Lift-off

Wordless books which can also be used with speech rhythm sensitivity training. There is guidance in each book to support parents and teachers.



Reading Planet Rocket Phonics

Each book focuses on key phonemes, allowing children to practise their newly acquired decoding skills. The key phonemes are highlighted on the back of each book to make it easy to find the appropriate reading book for a child.



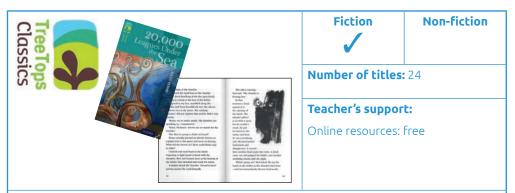
Red Rocket Readers

A finely levelled whole school reading resource. All books are also levelled by Reading Recovery and the series includes an extensive range of titles featuring both illustrative and photographic images which reflect modern society and pertinent themes.

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TreeTops: Chucklers

Edited by Jeremy Strong, this collection aims to make reading a pleasure for even the most reluctant reader. It employs a variety of writing styles, text types and renowned authors who provide a rich reading experience with which to extend advanced readers in all year groups.



TreeTops: Classics

This series provides an introduction to the world of classic literature with each title being carefully adapted by top authors. It promotes our rich literary heritage in line with the English national curriculum.

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	Number of titles	:126
	Teacher's support:	
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TreeTops: Fiction

Supports improvement in independent reading and reading for pleasure. The series features a wide range of authors and illustrators that provide a broad and rich reading experience. The progression through the levels builds fluency and stamina.



TreeTops: Graphic Novels

This series offers a different type of reading challenge with plots that fuel discussion and debate. It is good for drawing in reluctant readers with sequential pictures and text. The non-fiction strand offers reading context and purpose suitable for the age range.



TreeTops: Greatest Stories

Edited by Michael Morpurgo, this series of stories from our rich literary heritage aims to develop and extend the child's reading experience. The retellings from well-known authors develop the comprehension skills required by the English national curriculum.



TreeTops: inFact

A series of distinctive non-fiction titles that aims to take your Key Stage 2 children beyond simple fact finding. It includes a mix of personal accounts, strong narrative voices and child friendly biographies and employs stunning photography and renowned authors and illustrators.

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Mythod Ford States and States	Number of titles: 24		
	Teacher's support:		
	Online resources: free		
TreeTops: Myths and Legends			
These illustrated retellings of some of the world's oldest stories aim to familiarise junior readers with famous folklore from around the world. They encourage awareness of different cultures and provide discussion, drama and writing opportunities.			



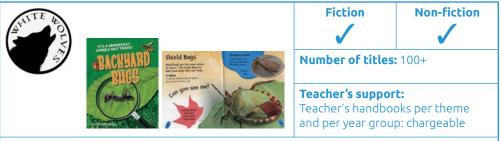
TreeTops: Time Chronicles

This language rich Key Stage 2 series continues the adventures of Biff, Chip and Kipper. Using real historical events and known characters links the child's understanding of factual information which provides a real purpose for learning.



Usborne

Usborne's book banded titles have been chosen from a number of their series including First Reading, Young Reading and Beginners. They encompass a variety of styles: traditional tales, literary retellings, biographies, national curriculum linked titles as well as leisure reads. Their fiction list features a range of Key Stage 2 Free Readers.



White Wolves

A levelled series ideal for supporting progression, these titles reflect the variety of texts that children will encounter in the real world. The non-fiction strand includes information, recount, instruction, report, persuasive and explanatory texts. Quality photographs add to its child appeal. The fiction strand includes play scripts, stories from different cultures, stories with historical and familiar settings, comparing significant authors, issue led fiction and imagined worlds. Employs well-known authors and reflects multicultural society.



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