



Information about Book Banding at St. Andrew's

Each book in our school has been given a coloured band. The 'colour banding' system follows a national book band scheme. Books are given a specific colour band according to their level and word count. Books which are banded brown, grey, sapphire, ruby and diamond are for our older children (from year 3 onwards) and it is at this age that subject matter becomes more relevant for these year groups. As the children progress through the school it will generally take them longer to move through the bands.

Children's progress in reading is monitored in a variety of other ways so just because they may not have moved book bands does not mean that they have not made any progress!

Book Band Levels and Colours

Normal Range of Achievement during the year + Yellow Highlight = On Track for year group at the end of year		Colour	Phonics phase	RR Level
0	R	Lilac (No Words)	1	0
1	R	Pink	2	1-2
2	R, Y1	Red	3	3-5
3	R, Y1	Yellow	3/4	6-8
4	R, Y1	Blue	4/5	9-11
5	Y1, Y2	Green	5	12-14
6	Y1, Y2	Orange	5/6	15-16
7	Y1, Y2, Y3	Turquoise	5/6	17-18
8	Y2, Y3	Purple	6	19-20
9	Y2, Y3, Y4	Gold	6	21-22
10	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5	White	N/A	23-24
11	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Lime	N/A	25-26
12	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Brown	N/A	27-28
13	Y4, Y5, Y6	Grey	N/A	29
14	Y5, Y6	Sapphire	N/A	30
15	Y6	Ruby	N/A	N/A
16	Y6 Mastery	Diamond	N/A	N/A