

## EYFS $\rightarrow$ YEAR 1 $\rightarrow$ Year 2 $\rightarrow$ YEAR 3 and 4 $\rightarrow$ YEAR 5 and 6

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In Year 3 and 4, pupils' reading books are part of the Accelerated Reader program, which contains a wide variety of books, including fiction and non-fiction. A selection of poetry books is also available. Books are sorted into eight levels of challenge, which are further divided into 10 sublevels. Pupils are given a suggested range of challenge which is identified from halftermly assessments. There is a wide variety of books to choose from which enables them to select a book depending on their individual interests. Understanding and decoding is systematically checked by the

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 continue to read books that are part of the Accelerated Reader program but not exclusively. Books that are chosen generally have a higher level of challenge. There is an increasingly wide range of fiction and non-fiction from which to choose. There are also poetry, reference and textbooks that are not contained in the program but which are available to be read. This wide range of books nurtures a love of reading for enjoyment as well as for information. Pupils are encouraged to read a diverse range of books that are structured in different ways, which can be selected from home, class book corners or the library.

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reading, writing, singing and actions: learning is by doing and experiencing phonics rather than just being told about it. Monster phonics bridges the gap between phonics and the National Curriculum. The reception year covers Letters and Sounds phase 2 to phase 4. Phonics is assessed regularly at the end of each half term which enables teachers to quickly identify any misconceptions. This informs next steps for each child. For identified children with SEND or other additional needs, this may continue to

support their

graphemes linked to phoneme monsters makes easier to understand. The activities are multisensory (requiring reading, writing, singing and actions) so that learning is by doing and experiencing phonics rather than just being told about it. Monster phonics bridges the gap between phonics and the national curriculum. In Year 1, Monster phonics teaches Phase 5 and incorporates the KS1 spelling curriculum. Phonics continues to be assessed regularly at the end of each half term which enables teachers to identify any children

activities continue to be multi-sensory so learning is by doing and experiencing. Monster phonics continues to bridge the gap between phonics and the National Curriculum. In Year 2, Monster phonics teaches Phase 6 grammatical elements important for accurate reading and spelling. Phonics continues to be assessed regularly at the end of each half term which enables teachers to identify any children who require focused interventions. As children enter Year 2, their understanding and decoding is checked again. Coloured book bands containing a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books

teacher from the quizzes that are completed for each book. Reading books are longer so are read only once. The focus is much more on comprehension rather than decoding. However, for those pupils who are not fluent readers, a systematic phonics programme is taught which is the Monster Phonics Intervention Programme. This will enable them to catch up with their peers. Age-appropriate, challenging texts are selected for wholeclass, guided reading sessions. There is a focus on vocabulary as well as comprehension. Reading activities are completed regularly. Pupils will be able to answer not only recall and inference-

based questions but also

and evaluative questions.

Pupils are taught about PEE

(point, explanation, example)

application, analysis, synthesis

class, guided reading sessions. Vocabulary and comprehension remain a focus. More challenging reading activities are completed regularly.

Pupils will be able to not only answer a wider range of more challenging comprehension questions based on ageappropriate texts but are also expected to consider and evaluate how the use of language. including figurative language, has impacted the reader. They will also be taught about sentence structure and how it reflects what is contained in the text and the author's intent. Pupils will be able to participate in discussions about different texts that they have read and be able to justify their opinions and views.

understanding and learning. There are focussed

periods within the day when class teachers share traditional books and texts. Stories written by appropriate authors are shared with the classes in addition to rhymes, poems and songs. Books are sent home so parents and carers can enjoy the book with their child. The focus for pink, red and yellow band books is decoding. As children progress on to yellow band books, they are encouraged to read each book twice: once for the decoding of unfamiliar words and the second time to improve fluency and comprehension.

who require focused interventions. In KS1, coloured book bands contain a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for children to enjoy. These ensure progression through the bands but enable them to have more independence, ownership and choice of the books they read. Each book has been selected as being appropriate for that band based on number of syllables, graphemes, phonemes and common exception words contained in the text on the page. When children go into Year 1, their understanding and decoding is checked.

continue to be used and enjoyed. Progression through the bands continues but children are encouraged to be more independent in the choices they make. If needed, previous bands are revisited so children's learning can be consolidated. Sometimes children on the SEND register or those with other additional needs may need to start on earlier bands appropriate to their reading development. In Year 2, children reading at greater depth start on purple band. During Year 2, books continue to be sent home so parents and carers can enjoy reading with their child. There is still an

so they will be able to answer more complex questions successfully.

Guided reading If needed, previous expectation that books are read twice until they sessions are bands are revisited introduced during the so children's learning reach purple band. summer term. Children can be consolidated. The teacher hears Sometimes children are grouped based on children read regularly their phonics' on the SEND register so progress can be checked before they knowledge and or those with other additional needs may move onto the next understanding. band. need to start on In Year 2, whole-class, earlier bands guided reading sessions appropriate to their continue, and children reading development. In Year 1, the most develop their skimming able readers start on and scanning skills to not only identify key blue band and greater depth readers words and phrases, but on green or orange are able to answer a band. variety of simple During Year 1, books comprehension questions (as per the continue to be sent **Teacher Assessment** home so parents and carers can enjoy Framework). reading with their Comprehension child. There is still an questions will include expectation that more complex, books are read twice. knowledge- recall The teacher hears questions. Children are children read taught how to analyse

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	regularly so progress	and 'read between the	
	can be checked	lines' so they will be	
	before they move	able to answer	
	onto the next band.	inference-based	
	In Year 1, whole-	questions.	
	class, guided reading		
	sessions happen.		
	Children are taught		
	how to use skimming		
	and scanning		
	techniques to identify		
	key words and		
	phrases. They will		
	then use these when		
	locating answers		
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	facts.		
	how to use skimming and scanning techniques to identify key words and phrases. They will then use these when locating answers requiring retrieval of		

## Phonics Banded Books:

- Red Band Phase 2
- Yellow Band Phase 3 and 4
- Blue Band Phase 5
- Green Band Phase 6