

RWI Book Band	Emerging Reader	Expected Reader	Exceeding Reader
Developing listening and speaking skills (no letters)	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
First 25 – 30 sounds		Reception autumn 2	
Oral blending			
Ditties read sounds to read CVC words		Reception spring 1	
Red read 31-34 sounds including the first 10 digraphs in words. Read 8 tricky words		Reception spring 2	
Green read 35 – 40 sounds		Reception summer 1/2	
Purple read 41 – 46 sounds, cvcc, ccvc words		Year 1 autumn 1	Reception summer 2
Pink read 47 – 51 sounds		Year autumn 2	
Orange read 58 – 63 sounds learn alternative pronunciations (ow in snow/cow)		Year 1 spring 1	
Yellow read 64 – 68 sounds learn alternative pronunciations		Year 1 spring 2 summer 1	
Blue read 75 sounds in words increased fluency and comprehension		Year 1 summer 2 Year 2 autumn 1	
Grey increased fluency and comprehension		Year 2 autumn 2	

From this level, the Read Write Inc programme stops and pupils move to book bands.

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Lilac	Reception		
Pink		Reception	
Red		Reception	
Yellow	Year 1		Reception
Blue		Year 1	
Green		Year 1	
Orange	Year 2		Year 1
Turquoise		Year 2	
Purple		Year 2	
Gold		Year 2	
White L10	Year 3		Year 2
Lime L11		Year 3	
Brown L12	Year 4	Year 3	
Grey L13	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Dark Blue L14	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
Dark Red L15		Year 6	Year 5
Black L16			Year 6