



Sheldwich Primary School

Book Banding

BAND 1	
PINK	These books will have language, which is quite like the way children speak. These will be large print, lots of repetition and plenty of helpful pictures.
BAND 2	
RED	These books will usually be slightly longer. There will be a simple story (if it's fiction) usually involving familiar objects. Look for short, repeated sentences which again follow children's speech patterns.
BAND 3	
YELLOW	In these books the sentences will be more varied but there will still be some repetition. Stories will have more parts/events and the language won't be so much like speech. Pictures still very important.
BAND 4	
BLUE	There will be less repetition in these books and more lines (maybe 6 or 8) on a page. Stories have more events. Sentences will be more varied and so will the vocabulary.
BAND 5	
GREEN	At this level there will not be much repetition at all. In stories there will be more characters and story events will be longer. There will be more words per page and more challenging words will be used.
BAND 6	
ORANGE	In this band, stories will be longer: 250-300 words. There will be noticeably fewer pictures. The language used will be more 'literary', there will be more unfamiliar words and terms, and longer sentences.
BAND 7	
TURQUOISE	Look for much more elaborately described events in stories, longer descriptions and more unusual, challenging vocabulary. Some pages may have no pictures. Sentences will sound more 'formal'.
BAND 8	
PURPLE	In these books there will be longer, complex sentences. Most books will be illustrated but pictures won't be as helpful. Some books will have chapters. A range of unfamiliar terms will be used.
BAND 9	
GOLD	More challenging books with longer sentences. Stories will be much more 'involved' with more complex characters and many books will have chapters. A wide vocabulary will be used.
BAND 10	
WHITE	In these books not everything will be 'spelt out': some things will only be implied. Stories will have a range of styles; complex plots and characters. There will be technical language in non-fiction texts.