

Guide your readers using *Oxford Levels*...

Oxford Levels have been correlated to other levelling systems that are used in schools, such as Book Bands. At Key Stage 2 in particular there are several *Oxford Levels* for each Book Band, to provide children with very finely graded steps of increasing challenge. This ensures they make the best possible progress at this crucial point in their reading journey, as they head towards assessments at the end of Year 6/P7. Use our chart to help guide what level a child at a given point on the *Oxford Reading Criterion Scale* should be comfortable reading – that is, capable of reading independently but with an element of stretch.

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England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Oxford Level	Book Band colour	Old National Curriculum levels (for reference)	Standard of the Oxford Reading Criterion Scale (based on highest expectations of the 2014 National Curriculum)	
Pre-reading/Nursery Up to 4 years old	Up to 4 years old	Up to 4 years old	Up to 4 years old	1	Lilac	W	Pre-reading standard	
				1+	Pink	W		
Reception 4-5 years old	Primary 1 4-5 years old	Reception 4-5 years old	Primary 1 4-5 years old	1	Lilac	W	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 1 by end YR/P1 Oxford Level 3	
				1+	Pink	W		
				2	Red	1c		
				3	Yellow	1b		
Year 1 5-6 years old	Primary 2 5-6 years old	Year 1 5-6 years old	Primary 2 5-6 years old	4	Light blue	1b	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 2 by end Y1/P2 Oxford Level 6	
				5	Green	1a		
				6	Orange	1a		
				7	Turquoise	2c		
Year 2 6-7 years old	Primary 3 6-7 years old	Year 2 6-7 years old	Primary 3 6-7 years old	8	Purple	2c	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 3 by end Y2/P3 Oxford Level 10	
				9	Gold	2b		
				10	White	2a		
				11	Lime	3c		
				12	Lime +	3c		
Year 3 7-8 years old	Primary 4 7-8 years old	Year 3 7-8 years old	Primary 4 7-8 years old	8	Brown	2c	Oxford provides age-appropriate books at Oxford Levels 8-10 for children who have not achieved the required standard at end KS1.	
				9		2b		
				10		2a		
				11		3c		
				12	Grey	3c		Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 4 by end Y3 Oxford Level 13
				13	3b			
Year 4 8-9 years old	Primary 5 8-9 years old	Year 4 8-9 years old	Primary 5 8-9 years old	14	Dark blue	3a	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 5 by end Y4 Oxford Level 15	
				15		4c		
Year 5 9-10 years old	Primary 6 9-10 years old	Year 5 9-10 years old	Primary 6 9-10 years old	16	Dark red	4b	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 6 by end Y5, Oxford Level 17. NOTE: Children reading at Oxford Level 17 should be capable of achieving National Standard in the end of KS2 tests in England	
				17		4a		
				18		5c		
Year 6 10-11 years old	Primary 7 10-11 years old	Year 6 10-11 years old	Primary 7 10-11 years old	19		5c	Curriculum expectation: Secure Standard 7 by end Y6, Oxford Level 19. NOTE: Children reading at Oxford Level 17 should be capable of achieving National Standard in the end of KS2 tests	
				20		5b		
						5a/6c		

Oxford Levelled books are most effectively used as spine alongside other rich and varied 'free reading books' – it doesn't have to be either/or!