

Alwyn Infant School Reading Scheme

Our reading scheme is divided into thirteen stage related colour bands. Within each band there are a number of boxes containing a wide variety of books from different schemes, such as Oxford Reading Tree, Project X, Fireflies and Collins.

Our reading scheme has great breadth in its variety of genres and text types. Some books are phonetic in content, whilst others contain mainly 'sight words' or just pictures. The amount of text on a page does not always relate to the difficulty of the text.

Your child will not always have to read every book within a colour band although it is important for them to read a variety of styles and text types. Regular assessment will be made by their teacher and providing the child shows understanding of the text as well as good decoding skills, they may well be moved onto the next colour. This is a decision for their teacher, who will assess what is best for the child. A child who is simply able to fluently decode a text, but does not understand what he/she is reading, may well be given different books within the same colour band.

Please do not be in too much of a hurry for your child to progress through the bands, as there are many lovely stories, non-fiction and poetry books to be read and shared. We cannot stress enough how important comprehension, discussion and enjoyment are to your child's progress.

Books from the reading scheme should not be your child's only link to reading:

- Join the library
- Share comics and magazines
- Read labels and signs
- Instructions
- Newspapers
- The Internet

All of these have a place in your child's learning.

If you have any concerns over the book your child is reading from the scheme, the class teacher will be happy to discuss it with you.