

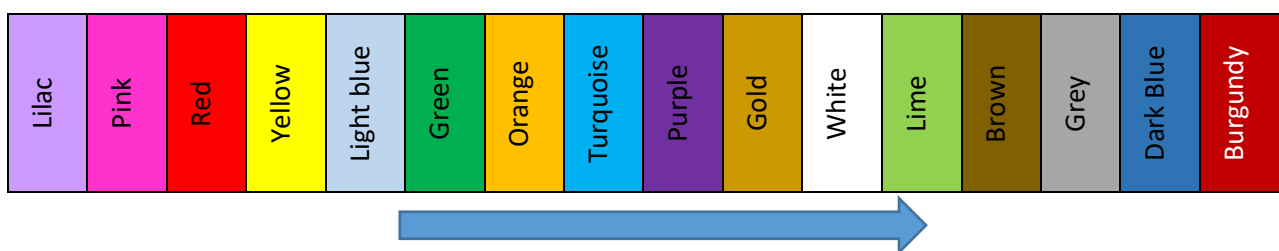
Dear Parents/Carers,

### Home Reading Books – Book Banding

We will begin to send reading books home with children onwards from today. Please check their backpacks for this, and encourage them to read as much as possible! Books are 'banded' in their reading difficulty level, which is in line with the texts available on Big Cat Reading and Oxford Reading Buddy. Log in details for these websites will be made available within the coming weeks.

#### What is Book Banding?

Book banding is a national scheme that grades children's reading books according to the difficulty of the text. Each level of book is coded by a different colour.



#### What can I expect?

Your child will initially be assessed to ensure they receive a book from the correct band and will bring home a range of colour coded books within the band. The level of challenge within individual Bands do vary to ensure that pupils are able to demonstrate progress within a particular band.

#### When will my child move to the next colour band?

For a child to be an effective reader, they need not only to read the words on the page but also to understand what they have read. For this to happen, they need to read with 98% accuracy (that is only 2 errors in every 100 words). The school will carefully monitor your child's reading and move them to the next colour band when they are ready.

#### Reading Records

Your child will be given a new Reading Record this year. Please encourage them to look after this. If they do however lose it, they will be given an older version of the Reading Record (used in previous years). Please continue to comment on your child's reading by completing the Reading Record at least twice a week. Your child's book will be changed once they have returned their current reading book to school.

Thank you for reading with your child at home. It is such an essential part of their development as a reader and you play a crucial role in nurturing their love of reading.

If you require any further information on Book Banding, please contact either myself or your child's class teacher.

**Please note that reading books and records will go out this week and homework will be sent home on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

Yours sincerely,

Ms Akcakiryan