

## Book Bands and Oxford Reading Levels

Age 4-5	Age 5-6	Age 6-7
Year: Reception	Year: 1	Year: 2
Band: Lilac / Level: 1	Band: Blue / Level: 4	Band: Turquoise / Level: 7
Band: Pink / Level: 1+	Band: Green / Level: 5	Band: Purple / Level: 8
Band: Red / Level: 2	Band: Orange / Level: 6	Band: Gold / Level: 9
Band: Yellow / Level: 3		Band: White / Level: 10
		Band: Lime / Level: 11

The point at which your child is ready to move up a band or level depends on your child and the teacher's approach. Generally, a teacher will want to know that a child is secure and confident at a given level before moving them on. It's also important to bear in mind that not all levels are of equal size. In the first few years of school, the steps of progress are fairly small, and children will move through a number of levels quite quickly. As children move up the levels, the steps become broader and 'moving up' happens less frequently. It's also important to remember that different children develop their reading skills at different rates so comparing your child with others is not helpful.

## Starting to read

### A guide to reading schemes available in your local library

Oxford Reading Tree-Floppy's Phonics, Songbirds Phonics AND Read with Biff, Chip and Kipper



A reading scheme is a series of books that have been carefully written to support the process of learning to read and to help children make progress as readers.

At school children are taught the letter sounds and how to blend them as well as some 'tricky' words that are essential for reading in English: words such as the, said, there, was. By the age of 6 or 7, most children should have enough phonics knowledge to be able to tackle and at least 'decode' any new word in a book. It's important to remember that understanding what the words mean – both individually and in the context of the story or information text – is also vital for reading progress and is really important for motivation.

## Floppy's Phonics Fiction

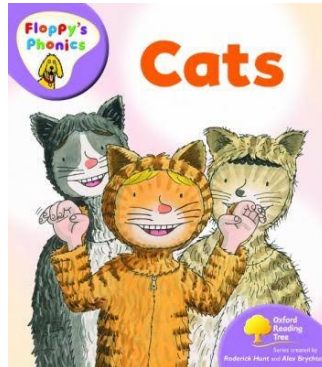
Perfect for children to practise their decoding skills with their favourite characters Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy

Children can put their phonics skills into practice at every stage with these engaging decodable readers.

Fiction titles to engage and motivate every reader

Inside cover notes help parents support their child with phonics at home

Series contains 30 decodable Biff, Chip and Kipper adventures



**Oxford Levels 1-6**

## Songbirds Phonics

### Make phonics fun with Julia Donaldson

These 60 decodable stories by the best-selling author of The Gruffalo combine Julia Donaldson's unique writing style with built-in phonic progression. They make phonics practice effective and fun!

- Fantastic breadth of storylines, rhyme, rhythm and genres
- Systematic structure and leveling to guarantee progress
- A wide range of illustration styles brings each story to life



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## Biff, Chip and Kipper Stories

A wonderful mixture of stories including familiar settings to reassure children, and fantasy adventures to inspire them.

Packed full of humour, drama, detailed illustrations and endearing characters to motivate every child

Carefully levelled to ensure the gradual development of early reading skills - great for children with English as an additional language

Includes free teaching notes to help with reading at home

Series contains over 220 stories from **Oxford Level 1 wordless to Level 9**



Biff and Chip looked at the box. Something was glowing inside it.

They opened the box. They looked inside. "It's magic," they said.

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