

Reading through the Levels

- Children will read a variety of scheme books from level 1 to level 20.
- When they are reading confidently at Level 20 they will not move on to Level 21. Instead they will acquire a “level 20” passport and read ten/twelve different genre books from the “Level 20 Passport Books” box. Each time they have finished a book they are to have that genre signed off on their passport. They are allowed two passes in case they find some books unappealing. This is because we are encouraging the children to read widely and for pleasure. Finally children will complete a written comprehension independently. If the comprehension is at a good level move on to Level 21. If not, consider consolidating Level 20 using scheme books and maybe putting the child in an Inference group.
- Children then choose scheme books from levels 21 to 25.
- When they are reading confidently at Level 25 they will not move on to Level 26. Instead they will acquire a “level 25” passport and read ten/twelve different genre books from the “Level 25 Passport Books” box. Each time they have finished a book they are to have that genre signed off on their passport. Finally children will complete a written comprehension independently. If the comprehension is at a good level move on to Level 26 books. If not, consider consolidating Level 25 using scheme books and maybe putting the child in an Inference group.
- Children then choose scheme books from levels 26 to 30.
- When they are reading confidently at Level 30 they will acquire a “level 30” passport and read ten/twelve different genre books from the “Level 30 Passport Books” box. Each time they have finished a book they are to have that genre signed off on their passport. Finally children will complete a written comprehension independently. If the comprehension is at a good level move on to:
- **A. Level 30+ books if the child is in years 1, 2 or 3 (kept in Key Stage1).** These can be supplemented by books from the library and the reference library but please check that the content is appropriate for the child’s age. Level 30+ book marks need to be given out at this stage for the child’s self-esteem as well as for adults around school being able to check that the child is qualified to take these books. These are card book marks and can be found on the shared area.

B. Free reader books if the child is in year 4 or above. Free reader book marks need to be given out for the same reason as above. These are leather book marks and can be found in the Reading Recovery room. Books should be supplemented with age appropriate books from the library and the reference library.

Please ensure that level 30+ readers and free readers are monitored carefully and not left to drift. Research shows that once a child becomes a “free reader” their progress declines. The level 30+ and free reader books are merely an extension to the scheme books.

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