

Reading scheme books at Henry Fawcett

Reading schemes are carefully constructed by people who are experts at teaching children to read. Reading schemes often feature a core group of characters, who your child gets to know as they read.

At Henry Fawcett we use a mixture of two reading schemes in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These schemes are the Oxford Reading Tree and Collins Big Cat books. Many of the books in the schemes are written by successful authors such as Julia Donaldson. The reading scheme books we chose for the children are beautifully illustrated and have a wide range of subjects that should appeal to both girls and boys. The reading scheme range includes traditional tales, phonically decodable stories, play scripts, poetry and non-fiction books. At the back of most of the books there is a reader response activity plus reading tips that you can do with your child.

Every reading scheme book has a level – this is indicated by the colour band at the front of the book. Each new level within the reading scheme introduces new things and practises the skills and knowledge learned in the previous levels. All children progress at different rates, therefore they will move through the levels at different speeds.

Book Band colour	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
lilac					
pink					
red					
yellow					
blue					
green					
orange					
turquoise					
purple					
gold					
white					
lime					
brown					
grey					

Reading Support Websites:

The **Oxford Owl** website is designed to support you develop your child's reading, from 3 to 11 years old. It includes: a handy phonics guide, ideas for motivating boys, 250 free eBooks with linked activities: <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

The **Mumsnet** website has information on reading schemes and phonics information for parents: <http://www.mumsnet.com/learning/reading/what-are-reading-schemes>