

Denham Green's approach to reading and the book banding system.

All reading books in the school have a coloured sticker on them. This is the book banding system.

All children when they start in Reception are given a reading book to read which is at the correct reading and comprehension level for that pupil. This is assessed by the teacher.

The children will then take home this reading book every day and read with an adult. Children will then come back into school each morning and change their reading book for another book with the same colour sticker.

As children make progress with their reading they will move onto the next coloured sticker and will continue to do this until they have read all the way up to cream books. Once children have finished on the cream level they become 'free readers'. This means they can read any book of their choice from our school library. A free reader usually begins in the middle of Key Stage 2.

The colours do not represent which year group a pupil is in, it is down to the ability of individual children. It is based on the reading ability but also on the understanding of what they have read.

Book Banding colours	
Brown (no words)	
Pink	
Red	
Yellow	
Blue	
Green	
Orange	
Turquoise	
Purple	
Gold	
White	
Lime	
Garnet	
Silver	
Sapphire	
Black	
Cream	