

# Ubley Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a review of our library books and the book banding system, you may notice your child's reading band has changed.

The book banding system we use in school is not an assessment tool. Reading assessment is carried out daily in class during guided reading sessions. The library books are for children to read for pleasure, and the banding system supports them in finding age appropriate material. The books within each band in the library are designed for a certain age child. Not only does the language become increasingly more challenging as the book bands go up, so does the level of inference required to understand the context of the plot, and most importantly, the themes. Books on higher bands are therefore not appropriate for younger readers. Confident readers will instead be encouraged by their teachers to read widely within their level, reading from a range of authors and text types.

If a child struggles with their reading fluency and comprehension, they may stay on a lower band for a longer period of time. This is to support their development. By placing them on a band too high - that would be like trying to read a book in a foreign language. There would simply be too many unknown words for anything to make any sense!

The system runs as follows:

Brown - Y3

Grey - Y3/4

Blue - Y4/5

Red - Y5/6

Black - Y6

If you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who can offer further advice on how to support their reading development.

Kind regards,

Mrs Loudon  
(KS2 English lead)

