

RECOMMENDED READS

We have created 'Recommended Reads' for Junior School children. These are books that year upon year, our children and teachers love. These can also be found on our Federated website under the curriculum/reading section.



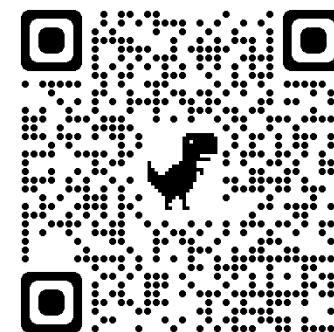
READING AMBASSADORS

If you love to read with children, and have some free time, you might be interested in becoming a Balksbury Reading Ambassador! Our Reading Ambassadors come in to school to read with our wonderful children from across the Federation. Some volunteer each week, and some once in a while. Any amount of free time is appreciated.

Scan the QR code below to hear from Tony, who has been a Reading Ambassador with us for a couple of years now.



For more information, contact Miss Bolton via either the junior or admin office.



READING AT BALKSBURY FEDERATION

JUNIOR SCHOOL



A NEW BOOK BAND SYSTEM



Why have we changed the system?

We have recently made the decision to expand the range of books which can be read by our children as their home reading book.

By including a wider variety of books within the system, and continuously investing in our libraries, we are able to ensure there are books every child will love to read. Children will have the choice of choosing a book from our free reading library. The Big Cat Collins books will be intergrated into the library so that children can still select on of these books if they wish.

Children will have one book matched to their reading development, and one book as a 'reading for pleasure' book, which does not have to be matched to their reading level.

To ensure that the books are still matched to children's reading development, we have organised the books using a Lexile system.

A Lexile is a number which is used to indicate the complexity of a book. The higher the Lexile number, the more difficult the text.

Will there still be book bands?

The coloured book bands will be replaced with the Lexile numbers. The Lexile level will be indicated by a coloured sticker on the side of the book to support children in choosing their book independently.

Which Lexile number can I expect my child to be reading?

Typically, each year group tends to read within the following Lexile range:

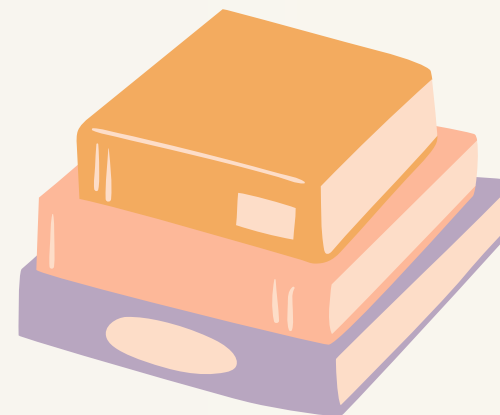
- Year 3 (400-700)
- Year 4 (600-900)
- Year 5 (700 - 900)
- Year 6 (800-1000)



When your child moves onto a new Lexile level, their class teacher will stick an information flyer into their reading diary.

Will a member of staff help them select a book?

Your child will have choice over what they read, but a member of staff will be there to guide them if they need support. Our staff have a great knowledge of the Junior School Library, so will be able to recommend books to suit the individual needs of your child.



READING IN CLASS

How often will my child be heard reading?

Your child's class teacher will listen to your child read once a week. They will stamp and initial their reading diary so that you are able to keep track of their reading in class.

Teachers will also listen to children read as part of different learning opportunities throughout the day.

Where children need additional support with reading, they will be heard on a more frequent basis, dependent on their level of need.



How can I support reading at home?

We ask that children read at home every day. We do not expect children to read a whole book or chapter, they might just read a page or two out loud. If children do not want to read their books from school, they might choose to read aloud a book, magazine or other reading material from home instead.

For more tips to support reading at home, scan the QR code below to find our 'Supporting Reading at Home' guide for parents.

