



Respect for all. Learners for life

Reading Scheme

At Lister Infants we use book bands to support the teaching of reading. Book bands are made up of a range of books from various reading schemes such as; Nelson Thorne PM readers, Rigby Star, Literacy Links, Oxford Reading Tree and Oxford Project X.

Through the use of book bands we aim to promote reading confidence through gradual progression, to provide children with the tools they need to become successful readers. It does this through the use of natural language structures and rhythms of speech. New words are gently introduced and are then subsequently reinforced. Books have a clear story structure where meaning is the key and a close match between the text and the illustrations.

Books are organised into levels according to Reading Recovery levels. We aim to ensure that the children progress through the levels but it is extremely important that they are able to read for meaning, understanding & have read a wide variety of books at each level. This includes reading non-fiction texts as well as fiction books.

We also use Running Records alongside the PM Benchmark Kits, which provide a comprehensive assessment tool for children to ensure consistent and accurate levelling in reading.

The school has recently purchased Bug Club, an excellent online reading resource to support reading at home and in school.