



## Book Banding at Ambleside Academy

Colour	Stage Number Equivalent	Data Equivalent
Pink	1	WBY1
Red	2	WBY1
Yellow	3	WTY1
Light Blue	4	1E
Green	5	1D
Orange	6	1S
Turquoise	7	2E
Purple	8	2D
Gold	9	2S
White	10	3E
Lime	11	3D
Brown	12	3S or 4E
Grey	13	4D
Dark Blue	14	4S or 5E
Dark Red	15	5D, 5S or 6E
Black/Free Reader	16	Year 6

- Children must be able to both read fluently at the expected book band for their age and be able to evidence the corresponding ARE statements in order to be given the assessment guides above.
- In KS1 and early Y3, the Reading books used for assessment should always be phonetically decodable books - for example the Julia Donaldson 'Songbird' collection, the Phonics Bug scheme books or the Reading Champion sets.
- Y5 and Y6 to focus on the speed of Reading at Dark Red and Black colour bands, aiming for 90 words per minute.