



Yew Tree Primary School

EARLY READING

YEAR GROUP	READING BOOK STAGE	PHONIC STAGE
NURSERY	Pre-reading stage	Super Sounds
RECEPTION	Initial code books	Initial code units 1 - 11
YEAR 1	Extended code books	Year 1 extended code programme
YEAR 2	Free reader books based on ZPD range	Year 2 extended code programme

What is the Pre-Reading Stage?

Pre-reading, for the earliest readers, includes 'read with me' books that are shared with an adult or older sibling and includes the modelling of good reading practice as well as discussion around the text. This could include wordless books which allows children, with support, to retell the picture story in their own words.

What is a Free Reader Book?

When pupils are ready, they will move to the free choice book that is based on their ZPD. This will happen from summer term year 1 and throughout year 2.

Every half term, children have their reading ability checked using the Accelerated Reader Star Test. This gives each child a ZPD range for their reading ability allowing them to choose appropriate books matched to their ability.

What is a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)?

In independent reading, ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without being too easy or too hard. Your child will receive a ZPD range after taking a STAR Reading test or teachers can use their best professional judgement to determine a ZPD. It is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPDs. ZPDs should be adjusted based on the needs of your child.