Ravenswood School reading scheme guide

At Ravenswood we operate a two-book reading scheme. Pupils will be provided with two different books to read at home and at school.

- Reading for pleasure book

- Decodable reading book (for pupils working at phonics phases 2-5)

All pupils will be given a reading diary with the key reading criteria in the front to help parents/ carers to know what skills their child is working on. We do ask that where parents have heard their child read or shared a story together that you make a comment via Seesaw or in their reading diary so that the teachers can see the progress they are making and praise them for reading at home.

Reading for Pleasure text

This book choice is designed to encourage pupils to find pleasure in reading and to be able to explore books that may be at a higher level than they are able to read independently. The aim is that this is a book to share with an adult e.g. to have read to them and for the adult to discuss what is happening, looking at the pictures etc or if they are a free reader to enjoy through independent or shared reading.

Pupils may choose a fiction or a non-fiction text for this it could be a magazine, graphic novel or traditional book. The purpose is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and their understanding of a text.

Decodable texts

Pupils who are working at phonics phases 2-5 will also have a fully decodable text to read. This will be closely linked to their phonic learning and they should be able to read with about 90-95% accuracy. For this book we encourage adults to encourage the reader to sound out any unknown words and use their phonics knowledge.

The purpose of this book is to apply their phonics knowledge to reading texts and to develop their reading speed and fluency and to add expression to their reading.

Phonics books will be selected based on pupils' current learning in phonics sessions. Pupils should have already encountered the phonemes outlined on the back of the books in their phonics prior to them reading that book.

The Ransom Reading Stars Reading book scheme follows the same phonics progression as the Ravenswood School Phonics Programme.

If you have any questions regarding your child's reading books or on how to support your child to read at home, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help or offer advice and guidance.

Below is a list of the books you are likely to receive to read with your child and how these correspond to their phonics level, their school reading level and the corresponding book bands.

School level	Phase	Reading scheme books to support	Breadth/Book band (If additional books are needed to complement the school set scheme)
Level 1-3ii	Pre Phonics	Shared books/ stories	
Level 4-6	Communication/ Phase 1	Shared books/ stories Ransom Reading Stars Phase 1.	lilac ORT In Fact Level 1
Level 7-8	Phase 1/2	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 1. Ransom Reading Stars Phase 2.	Pink Dandelion launchers 1-5 Dandelion Readers 1-5 ORT in fact L1+ Project X Heroes Level 1 Project X Origins – Home
Level 9	Phase 2/3	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 2. Ransom Reading Stars Phase 3.	Red Dandelion launchers 6-10 Dandelion Readers units 6-10 ORT in fact Level 2 Project X Heroes Level 2 Project X Origins – Pets
Level 10	Phase 3	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 3.	Yellow Dandelion readers 11-16 Dandelion extended phonic code level 1 series ORT in fact level 3 Project X Heroes Level 3 Project X Origins – Food
Level 10	Phase 4	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 4.	Light Blue Totem series ORT in fact Level 4 Project X Heroes Level 4 Project X Origins – bugs
Level 11	Phase 5 (set 5)	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 5.	Green Dandelion extended phonic code Level 2 series Dandelion split vowel set Talisman series Project X Heroes Level 5 Project X Origins flight
Level 11	Phase 5 (set 6)	Ransom Reading Stars Phase 5.	Orange Dandelion extended phonics code level 3 series Talisman series Totem series 5-12 Project X Heroes Level 6
Level 12	Phase 6 (set 7)	Free Readers	Turquoise Dandelion readers 17-20
Level 13+	Phase 6+ (set 9)	Free Readers	