

What are the Collins BIG CAT Book Band colours?

The table below displays each book band level and their equivalent reading age. Most children will work through the levels during the year, so for example, a reception child working at the expected level will end the year on yellow.

Collins BIG CAT Book Band	Phonics Phase	Emerging	Expected	Exceeding
Lilac – Band 0		Reception		
Pink A – Band 1A	Phase 2	Reception		
Pink B – Band 1B	Phase 2		Reception	
Red A -Band 2A	Phase 3		Reception	
Red B – Band 2B	Phase 3	Year 1	Reception	
Yellow – Band 3	Phase 3/4	Year 1	Reception	
Blue – Band 4	Phase 4/5		Year 1	Reception
Green – Band 5	Phase 5	Year 2	Year 1	
Orange – Band 6	Phase 5	Year 2		Year 1
Turquoise – Band 7	Phase 5		Year 2	Year 1
Purple – Band 8			Year 2	
Gold – Band 9		Year 3		Year 2
White – Band 10		Year 3		Year 2
Lime – Band 11		Year 4	Year 3	Year 2
Copper – Band 12		Year 4	Year 3	
Topaz – Band 13		Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Ruby – Band 14		Year 5		Year 4
Emerald – Band 15		Year 6		
Sapphire – Band 16		Year 6	Year 5	
Diamond – Band 17			Year 6	Year 5
Pearl - Band 18				Year 6