



Bottesford Juniors

Reading scheme FAQs

Frequently asked questions

How often can my child change their reading book?

Your child can change their book as soon as they have finished it, and they are welcome to change books as often as they wish.

My child is a strong reader. Will the new books provide enough challenge?

Yes. We have carefully selected a wide range of high-quality texts that offer increasing levels of challenge. These include books with more complex plots, richer vocabulary and longer texts, allowing confident readers to continue developing their skills and deepen their understanding.

My child is a reluctant or struggling reader. Will the new books be too challenging?

No. Our collection also includes a variety of engaging and accessible texts designed to support and encourage developing readers. These feature shorter chapters, supportive illustrations and appealing themes to help build confidence and enjoyment.

Will my child move up a reading band?

If your child is reading from their year group collection, they will remain within that collection for the academic year.

If they are currently reading within our bridging stages, they will progress through stages 8–13. Once their reading fluency and confidence are secure, they will then move into their year group collection.

Will my child still have a reading record?

Yes. Every child will continue to have a reading record. We ask adults to sign to confirm when their child has read at home. We encourage children to read to an adult at least three times a week to support their progress and enjoyment of reading.

My child is still in a phonics group. Will they bring home a year group book?

If your child is currently in a phonics group, they will continue to bring home a *Read Write Inc.* Book Bag Book as their main reading book. They will also bring home a 'sparkle sticker' book to enjoy as a reading-for-pleasure choice.

Once your child completes the phonics programme and is reading with the appropriate level of fluency and confidence, they will move on to the Bridging stages to support the continued development of their reading fluency.

Why is my child on a 'Bridging stage' book and not a year group book?

Our 'Bridging stages' provide a more structured range of books for children who are still developing their reading fluency. These carefully selected titles, from *Oxford Reading Tree* (Stages 8–13), help to build confidence, stamina and comprehension.

When a child completes Stage 13 (typically during Year 3), they will move on to choosing from the main year group reading collection.



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