PM Benchmark and National Curriculum

The following chart links the PM Benchmark Levels with National Curriculum and Reading Recovery Levels.

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| Age | Colour Band | PM Benchmark  Level | Reading Recovery  Level | NC Level |
| 5 | Magenta | Level 1 | Level 1 | Below Level 1c |
| 5.2 | Level 2 | Level 2 |
| 5.3 | Red | Level3 | Level3 | Below Level 1c |
| 5.4 | Level 4 | Level 4 |
| 5.5 | Level 5 | Level 5 |
| 5.6 | Yellow | Level 6 | Level 6 | Below Level 1c |
| 5.7 | Level 7 | Level 7 |
| 5.8 | Level 8 | Level 8 |
| 5.9 | Blue | Level 9 | Level 9 | Level 1c |
| 5.10 | Level 10 | Level 10 |
| 5.11 | Level 11 | Level 11 |
| 6 | Green | Level 12(After 1 year at school) | Level 12 | Level 1b |
| 6.2 | Level 13 | Level 13 |
| 6.4 | Level 14 | Level 14 |
| 6.6 | Orange | Level 15 | Level 15 | Level 1a |
| 7 | Level 16 | Level 16 |
| 7.1 | Turquoise | Level 17(After 2 years at school) | Level 17 | Level 1a/2c |
| 7.4 | Level 18 | Level 18 |
| 7.6 | Purple | Level 19 | Level 19 | Level 2c |
| 8 | Level 20 | Level 20 |
| 8.1 | Gold | Level 21(After 3 years at school) | Level 21 | Level 2b |
| 8.4 | Level 22 | Level 22 |
| 8.6 | Silver | Level 23 | Level 23 | Level 2a/3c |
| 9 | Level 24 (End of year 4) | Level 24 |
| 9.1 | Emerald | Level 25 |  | Level 3b/3a |
| 10 | Level 26(End of year 5) |
| 10.1 | Ruby | Level 27 | Level 4c |
| 11 | Level 28 (End of year 6) |
| 11.1 | Saphire | Level 29 (End of year 7) | Level 4b/4a |
| 12 | Level 30 (End of year 8) |