

PM Benchmark and the National Curriculum

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

Age	Colour Band	PM Benchmark Level	Reading Recovery Level	NC Level
Age 4 - 5	Magenta	Level 1	Level 1	Below Level 1c
		Level 2	Level 2	
Age 5	Red	Level 3	Level 3	Below Level 1c
		Level 4	Level 4	
		Level 5	Level 5	
Age 5 ½	Yellow	Level 6	Level 6	Below Level 1c
		Level 7	Level 7	
		Level 8	Level 8	
Age 5 ½ - 6	Blue	Level 9	Level 9	Level 1c
		Level 10	Level 10	
		Level 11	Level 11	
Age 6 - 6 ½	Green	Level 12	Level 12	Level 1b
		Level 13	Level 13	
		Level 14	Level 14	
Age 6 ½ - 7	Orange	Level 15	Level 15	Level 1a
		Level 16	Level 16	
Age 7 - 7 ½	Turquoise	Level 17	Level 17	Level 1a/2c
		Level 18	Level 18	
Age 7 ½ - 8	Purple	Level 19	Level 19	Level 2c
		Level 20	Level 20	
Age 8 - 8 ½	Gold	Level 21	Level 21	Level 2b
		Level 22	Level 22	
Age 8 ½ - 9	Silver	Level 23	Level 23	Level 2a/3c
		Level 24	Level 24	
Age 9 - 10	Emerald	Level 25		Level 3b/3a
		Level 26		
Age 10 - 11	Ruby	Level 27		Level 4c
		Level 28		
Age 11 - 12	Sapphire	Level 29		Level 4b/4a
		Level 30		

