

Reading Spot Checks



Spot checks are performed by teachers on children who are on the Early Reading Scheme and working towards becoming a Rainbow Reader. Usually these are our youngest readers, but not always. If your child has a 'Spot Check' you will see a sticker in their reading record book similar to the example below.

This is what you need to know about the information on the 'Spot Check' sticker;

- Firstly, the teacher will indicate an emoji to indicate your child's effort whilst reading
- The teacher will circle either the red arrow (below age appropriate expectation) the amber equal symbol (at age appropriate expectation) or the green arrow (above age expectation)
- The teacher will tick the reading skills evidenced during the 'Spot Check'
- The skills not ticked are skills the child needs to practice at school and at home with you ('Next Steps')

Effort 🙄 😊 Standard read during spot check ↓ = ↑

My teacher will tick what I was good at today. The rest I need to work on!

<input type="checkbox"/>	I use sounds and comprehension skills to read new words
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use sounds to read words of more than one syllable and some multi-syllable words
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can discuss and answer questions about a character's behaviour
<input type="checkbox"/>	I know when I have read something wrong and I go back and self-correct independently
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can recognise speech and use my voice to express the tone of the speech
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can read and spell the Phase Wordcards Set
<input type="checkbox"/>	I consistently read at a rate of 75+ words per minute

Band 1 (Working within the expected standard, see website for full details)

At the bottom of the sticker is a Band indicator (in blue). The Band numbers match to Year groups. So a Spot Check sticker with 'Band 1' is aimed at Year 1 outcomes. 'Band 2' stickers are aimed at Year 2 outcomes and so on.

Each band is separated into 3 sections as follows:

Working Towards: Beginning to read within the expected standard

Working Within: Working comfortably at the standard

Greater Depth: Reads at a level that demonstrates mastery of the standard

Your child will have Spot Check once per half term until they become a Rainbow Reader.