

## PINK

Pink is perfect for introducing fundamental reading concepts and skills to early readers as it is the first level which has words. This band includes the first level of reading scheme books. Once they have started learning phonics, children will learn to sound out and "blend" simple words. Most words in pink books will be phonetic like "cat" or "bug" with some common exception words such as "said" or "the". Most stories are under 10 pages with just a few words on the page.

### PUPIL TARGETS



- Listen carefully to stories
- Read their own name
- Follow the words on a page in the right direction
- Tell a familiar story in their own words
- Know that letters have different sounds
- Recognise high frequency words

### How to support your child with Pink level books

Your child is beginning to learn how to read. As they read, please help them to:

- Read the words carefully. Ask your child to sound out and blend only the words they can't read yet, not every word. Eventually almost all words will become part of your child's 'sight memory', and they won't have to sound out at all.
- On second and third readings of the book, encourage them to read with more pace and with less focus on sounding out the letters in each word.
- Make a story out of a whole book, rather than focusing just on what is happening on each page.
- Tell you about something that happened in the book, or about something they found out in the book.