



Reading at Westdale Junior School



Colour Bands

We benchmark all the children, to assess their reading fluency and comprehension. A colour band is then matched to their reading ability. Reading these books allows children to read comfortably with the right amount of challenge.

The children will also take home a book from the colour band above their recommended band. This will be their 'challenge book'. The **vocabulary** will challenge them.

There will be an expectation to read from these books, at home, at least three times a week.

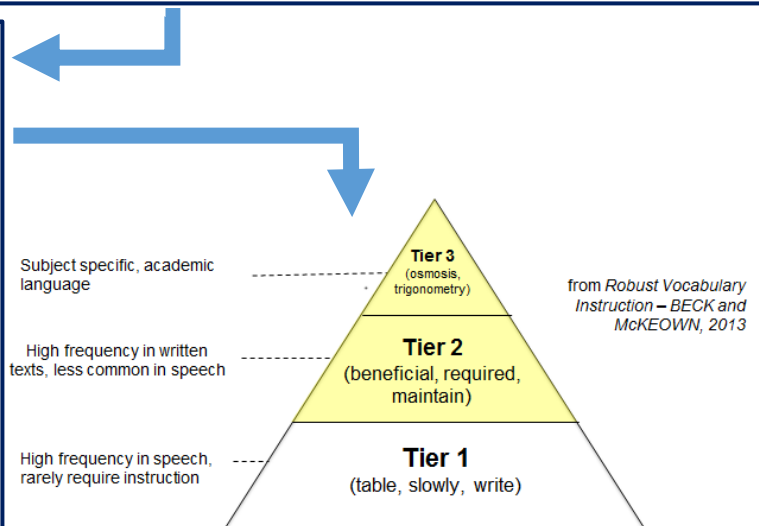


Vocabulary

Tier two words are the gap in children's ability to understand the text they are reading.

We want to challenge children with an instructional book (their challenge book) to ensure they are accessing Tier 2 vocabulary.

It has been proven that children cannot fully understand a text unless they can decode and understand 95% of the vocabulary used in a text.



Using the Home- School Diaries

We ask that you listen to your child read at least three times a week and that it is recorded into the diaries. There is also a section for children to note down any vocabulary that is tricky. This can help to inform the teachers of the tier two words your child is struggling with.

Book Hunt

We are missing some of our school reading books. We have noticed we are particularly low on our gold banded books. Could you please have a hunt around your home and send back any books you find.



D.E.A.R

At Westdale we want to celebrate the love of reading. Your child will **Drop Everything And Read** for 15 minutes every day. They are very welcome to bring their own age appropriate book in from home to read during this time.