

Green Book Band

Introduction

The books in the green book band do not introduce many new phonic relationships. The new letter/sound relationships that are introduced in the early books occur in single use words, e.g. 'oi' in 'noise', 'are' in 'scared', 'ea' in 'head', 'ear' in 'near'. The books do, however, introduce some difficult high-frequency words.

Aims

- to use the r-controlled graphemes 'ar, er, or/oor/ ore' in as many words as possible relating to the farm. Many of these words have more than one syllable and involve two different vowel graphemes.

- to reinforce the vowel digraphs 'ow, ou' in complicated words with more than one syllable.

- to introduce and use the digraph 'ur' in as many words as possible.

- to begin writing in the past tense. This entails the use of the words 'was, saw, were, could, heard, came, thought'. These words are on the lists of 100 and 200 high-frequency words as specified in *Letters and Sounds*.

- to increase the length of sentences and the number of words on a page.

These aims are met in four series of books.

Follifoot Farm Series 1 gives a setting for all the stories about *Jelly, Bean, Kevin, Lotty* and *Wellington*. All the animals live at various places on Follifoot Farm. Each book has between 136 and 178 words.

Follifoot Farm Series 2 introduces two new characters *Rumple* and *Pippin* within the activities at Follifoot Farm. This is one complete story and the books need to be read in numerical order. Each book has between 150 and 166 words.

Alfie's Adventure is the first complete series to be written in the past tense. The series is one complete story and the books need to be read in the numerical order. It uses the verbs 'was, were, saw, said, came, gave'. They are treated as tricky words at this time. Other tricky words used are 'lived, loved, wanted, their'. Each book has between 140 and 154 words.

English Vowels Series Set 1 introduces the digraph 'ur' in as many words as possible in book 6. Earlier books reinforce 'ow, er, ou, ar, or/ore/oor' in many words containing more than one vowel grapheme and syllable. The difficult high-frequency words 'could, thought, heard' are introduced. Each book has between 194 and 219 words.

Full details of the vocabulary in each book may be found in the teaching guides.

The key vocabulary for the high-frequency past tense verbs is shown below.

Key Vocabulary Green Book Band

Word	was	were	gone	saw	came	could	would	heard	thought
Alfie 1	was	were	gone						
Alfie 2	was	were	gone	saw					
Alfie 3	was		gone	saw	came				
Alfie 4	was			saw					
Alfie 5	was			saw	came				
Alfie 6	was	were	gone	saw	came				
EVS1	was	were		saw	came	could	would		
EVS2	was	were		saw				heard	
EVS3	was	were		saw		could		heard	thought
EVS4	was	were		saw	came	could		heard	
EVS5	was				came	could		heard	
EVS6	was			saw		could		heard	