

Red Book Band

Aims

The books in the red book band have several aims.

- to reinforce the letters of the alphabet in simple CVC words to give children plenty of practice in reading this type of word.
- to introduce the other regular high-frequency words specified in Phase 2 of *Letters and Sounds* that have not yet been used. These are *'it, get, an, got, back, mum, but'*.
- to introduce the remaining two irregular high-frequency words *'go, to'*.
- to introduce the high-frequency words *'this, you, are, said, we, for, down'* as specified in Phase 3 of *Letters and Sounds*.
- to introduce and reinforce the consonant combinations *'ck, ng'* in simple words.
- to introduce alternative pronunciations of some of the single letters of the alphabet in the names of well known animals. These are *'i'* in *'lion, tiger'*, *'o'* in *'hippo'*, *'a'* in *'baby'*, *'g'* in *'giraffe'*, *'y'* in *'yes'*. (Children will have already met two pronunciations of *'e'* in *'bed, me'*, *'o'* in *'got, no'* and *'y'* in *'Jelly, my'*.)

These aims are met in four series of books.

B Series 11-16 is probably the easiest series. It reinforces many CVC words and uses the *'ck, ng'* consonant digraphs. It introduces the three new high-frequency words *'this, little, have'*. Each book has between 66 and 73 words in total.

A Series 11-16 introduces the high-frequency words *'play, away, you, are, said, we, for, down'*. Books 15A and 16A have conversations using speech marks and the verb *'said'*. Each book has between 70 and 100 words in total.

Tom and Bella Series 2 includes many CVC words. Books 5 and 6 introduce the consonant digraphs *'ch, sh'* and reinforce the vowel digraph *'ee'* in several words. These two books also contain several words with clusters of consonants and they are quite difficult. Each book has between 53 and 67 words in total.

My First Animals Series introduces the alternative pronunciations of *'i, o, a, g'*. Children will know the names of the animals from the pictures. Then they are able to notice how the letters *'i, o, a, g'* are pronounced in *'lion, tiger, hippo, monkey, baby, giraffe'*. They will then be in a better position to work out other new words they see like *'giant, spider, dinosaur, mother'*. Each book has approximately 40 words in total.

Most of the books are written in the present tense except A11.

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

Key Vocabulary for the Red Book Band is on the next page.

Key Vocabulary for the Red Book Band

Book	play	with	no	oh	go	to	little	you	are	said	my	we	have
A11	play		no	oh		to							
B11			no	oh									
A12	play	with	no	oh									
B12			no	oh			little						
A13			no	oh		to							
B13						to	little						
A14	play		no	oh	go								
B14		with	no	oh	go	to							
A15					go			you	are	said	my		
B15			no	oh	go						my		have
A16						to	little	you		said	my	we	
B16													
TB201						to							
TB202			no	oh									
TB203					go								
TB204					go		little						
TB205			no	oh	go	to							
TB206				oh	go	to							
MFA01	play	with							are		my		
MFA02		with									my		have
MFA03		with			go	to		are			my	we	
MFA04							little	are			my		have
MFA05		with	no	oh				are			my	we	
MFA06		with									my		have