



# Reading Planet Rocket Phonics Next Steps Overview

Term	Book Bands**	Grapheme-phoneme correspondences and language features	
Autumn Term 1	Turquoise	/ai/ ai, ay, a-e, a, eigh, ei, ea, ey /ee/ ee, e-e, ie, ea, y, ey, e /igh/ igh, i, i-e, ie, y /oa/ oa, o-e, ow, oe, o	homophones and near-homophones suffixes
Autumn Term 2	Turquoise/Purple	/w/ w, wh /f/ f, ff, ph long /oo/ oo, u-e, ou, ue, ew /y+oo/ u, u-e, ue, ew short /oo/ oo, u, oul /ar/ ar, a, al	possessive apostrophes suffixes
Spring Term 1	Purple	/or/ or, au, aw, al, a, ar /or/ our, ore, oor, augh /ur/ ur, er, ir, ear, or /ou/ ou, ow /oi/ oi, oy	contractions suffixes
Spring Term 2	Gold	/eer/ ear, eer, ere /air/ air, are, ear, ere /s/ s, ss, c, se, ce, sc, st /j/ j, g, dge, ge	homophones and near-homophones suffixes
Summer Term 1	Gold/White	/t/ t, tt, ed /d/ d, dd, ed /n/ n, nn, kn, gn /m/ m, mm, mb /k/ c, k, ck, ch /r/ r, rr, wr /l/ l, ll /ul/ le, il, al, el	possessive apostrophes suffixes
Summer Term 2	White	/i/ i, y /o/ o, (w)a (qu)a /e/ e, ea /zh/ s, si, ge /ch/ ch, tch /ch+u/ ture /sh/ sh, ch, ti, ci, ssi	contractions suffixes

**\*\*Guide to the colour bands in Rocket Phonics Next Steps.**

In Year 2 (P3) we revisit the alphabetic code but with a heavier emphasis on spelling and age-appropriate content. Mixed ability whole-class lessons use age-appropriate colour banding (Turquoise, Purple, Gold and White). But less confident and lower attaining children can read Rocket Phonics Target Practice Readers for Blue, Green and Orange to help them to keep up with the teaching.