



## Reading Assessments in Key Stage 2

### What is PM Benchmarking?

PM Benchmarking is a developmental programme that assesses and places students on a reading book at an appropriate level for their ability. It tests both their decoding (sounding out) and their comprehension (understanding).



### How do Moor House School Use PM Benchmarking?

The teaching staff in key stage two assess the students using the benchmarking sample reading books and questions to test both decoding and comprehension.

We use the PM calculation to generate a number for the students reading level based on the words they have read accurately. All these PM benchmarking numbers have been matched to the colour coded Oxford Reading Tree levels as seen below which we then use to give the student a colour and number for the books they should read from our Oxford Reading Tree selection.

PM Benchmark	1	2	3 4 5	6 7 8	9 10 11	12 13 14	15 16	17 18	19 20	21 22	23 24	25 26	27 28	27 30
Oxford books	1	1+	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

### My Child's Level & Progress

The level for your child will be communicated with you through their reading record. This will be stated as a number, for example level 5. The students will choose one book in school based on their level and a second book to read for pleasure. The book to read for pleasure could also come from home.

Students will be assessed regularly to see if they need to move up another level. If the students level changes, this will be written in the reading record. Please keep in mind that whilst we use the PM benchmarking calculation, teacher's professional judgement will also be used to level a student. For example, if they could decode well but their comprehension isn't secure yet, the student will stay on a level for a bit longer to develop their comprehension then they can be assessed again after sufficient practice and move up to the next level when they are ready. If you have any questions about your child's reading, please let the class teacher know.

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