



Year 1: Welcome to Big Cat Collins Books!

A **Big Cat Collins colour- banded book** will be sent home each night. This book will match your child's reading ability. These books will be changed once a week. The Big Cat Collins books have a picture of a lion and a coloured band on the back and front of the book.

A **Shared Reader text** will also be sent home each week. This is a text that will be read at school during reading lessons and the children can read this to you at home. A **Shared Reader text** will have the word 'Shared Reader' across the top and the specific phonics sounds the children will focus on when reading that text.



Expectations:

- Choose between the **Big Cat Collins banded book** and the **Shared reader text** and read at least **four times** a week.
- Reading diary to be **signed** by an adult every time your child reads.
- The **Sound Cards, Big Cat Collins books, Shared Readers** and **reading diaries** need to be brought into school **every day**.

Reading Challenge

A **Reading Challenge** has been set up in the classroom so children can move along each time they read at home. Reward/Prizes will be given to those who reach the end of the Reading Challenge.

Library Books

Your child will select a library book weekly which they will bring home to enjoy. The library slot for Year 1 is **Wednesday**, so library books need to be in school that day so children can change them. Although we appreciate care will be taken to look after these books, there will be a small charge of £3 to replace any lost books.