



# Ransom Reading Stars

A complete programme of teaching resources and reading books for learning to read English

Digital subscription to online resources and books

Full phonics teaching programme

Over 350 fully decodable phonics readers



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# Learning to read English with Reading Stars

Forthcoming

## Reading Stars Phonics Teaching Programme

The Reading Stars Systematic Synthetic Phonics Teaching Programme is a fully resourced programme, designed to teach children to learn to read English.

- Teaching handbooks for each phase 1-5
- Pupil workbooks for each phase 1-5
- Assessment pack
- Resources for each phase
- Flashcards and wall friezes
- Sound cards
- Sound mats
- A2 poster
- Reading records

Teaching  
Resources



Print &  
Digital



## Reading Stars Phonics

250 fully decodable phonics readers that offer real and rewarding reading practice.

This highly-praised phonics reading programme includes:

- Fantastic illustrations and photographs
- A variety of text types: familiar, funny, traditional stories
- Diverse topics, stories and characters
- Fiction, non-fiction and rhyme
- Books to cater to all reading abilities
- All books are available digitally as part of the Reading Stars Digital Libraries

The phonics readers work independently or alongside the teaching materials.

Reading  
Books



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Forthcoming

## Reading Stars Achieve Phonics

An intervention programme for pupils aged 7 to 14:

- Designed for pupils who are still learning to read (UK Key Stages 2 & 3, and International Grades 2 and up)
- Around 100 fully decodable phonics readers following the same progression as the Reading Stars Phonics books
- Carefully chosen, age-appropriate topics and illustrations
- Dyslexia friendly

Reading  
Books



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## Reading Stars Book Bands

A separate series of 66 levelled book band readers from Pink band through to Lime band.

(The books from Green band onwards are ideal as follow-on readers, once pupils are confident in their phonics skills.)

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## Alpha Stars

A series of 49 books covering the letters A to Z and the 23 most common sounds, providing support for children to learn the names of the letters, to reinforce their knowledge of letter sounds and to learn to write the letters.

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## Reading Stars Digital Libraries

Digital versions of Ransom's books, to be used both in school and at home. Additional content to support the books, such as Guided Reading Lesson Plans. Includes:

- Home logins for parents
- The ability to allocate books to children based on their reading phase or level
- Assessment of pupils' progress

Teaching &  
Reading Books



Digital





# Reading Stars Phonics Phase 1



Designed to help pupils to develop their listening skills, especially an ability to hear, remember and repeat letter sounds (phonemes).

27 wordless books to directly support the teaching of the seven aspects of Phase 1.

**Ages 3-6 yrs**  
**£5.00 each**



## Multi-Phase Packs

Phases 1-5 Pack	(1 of each title) 978 180047 176 4	<b>£1,250.00</b>
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Phase 1 Pack	(1 of each title) 978 180047 226 6	<b>£135.00</b>
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# Reading Stars Phonics Phase 2



43 books for pupils to practise and apply their decoding skills. These books cover the most common letter sounds, plus common exception words (CEWs). At this phase, there are 'build' books that match children's phonic knowledge as it develops, and 'practise' books that draw on everything learnt by the end of the phase. Some of these provide extra focus on specific GPCs or CEWs – great for targeted practice.

**Ages 3–6 yrs**  
**£5.00 each**



## Phase Packs

**Phase 2 Pack** (1 of each title)

978 178591 857 5

**£215.00**

**Phase 2 6-Pack** (6 of each title)

978 178591 858 2

**£1,290.00**



# Reading Stars Phonics Phase 3



45 books for pupils to practise reading less commonly used phonemes, together with some sounds that are made by two or more letters (e.g. ch in such). More common exception words are covered.

The books in this phase also include 'build' and 'practise' books.

**Ages 3–6 yrs**  
**£5.00 each**



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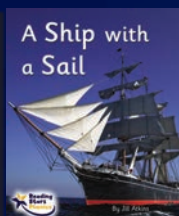
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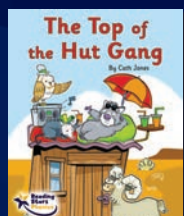
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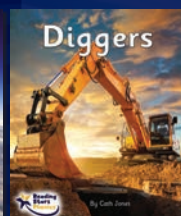
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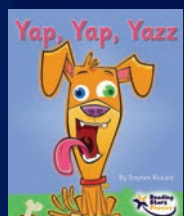
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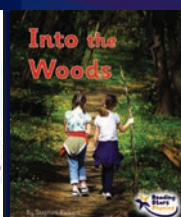
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**Phase 3 Pack** (1 of each title)  
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**Phase 3 6-Pack** (6 of each title)  
978 178591 872 8 **£1,350.00**



# Reading Stars Phonics Phase 4



39 books for pupils to practise reading increasingly complex consonant blends, as well as covering more common exception words.

**Ages 3–6 yrs**  
**£5.00 each**



## Phase Packs

**Phase 4 Pack** (1 of each title)

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**£195.00**

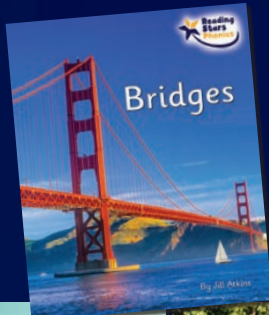
**Phase 4 6-Pack** (6 of each title)

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**£1,170.00**



# Reading Stars Phonics Phase 5



96 books, with 'build' books matching children's phonic knowledge as it develops, and 'practise' books drawing on everything, either with a specific focus or across the entirety of Phase 5 to ensure that there is plenty of opportunity for children to consolidate their new knowledge.

**Ages 3–6 yrs**  
**£5.00 each**

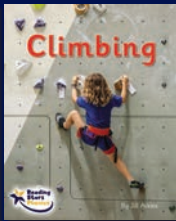




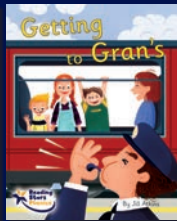
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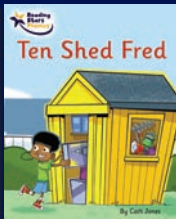
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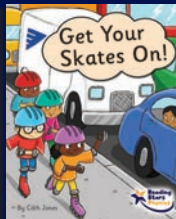
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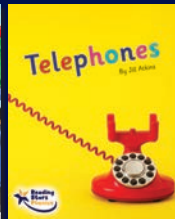
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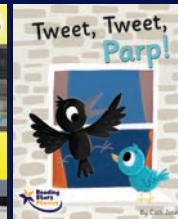
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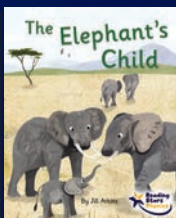
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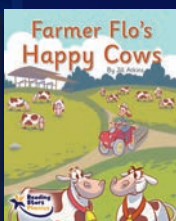
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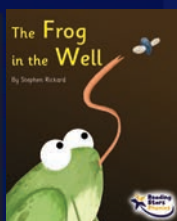
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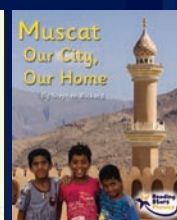
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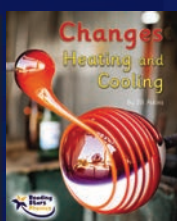
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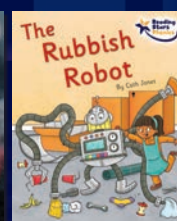
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Phase 5 Pack (1 of each title)

978 178591 877 3

**£480.00**

Phase 5 6-Pack (6 of each title)

978 178591 874 2

**£2,880.00**



# Testimonials on Reading Stars Phonics

"We love the style of your books ... the children are very excited about the new books as they cater to their interests, and it is much easier to choose a suitable book that matches with the sounds that they already know."

*Natalie Walsh, Teacher*



"I can't wait to share these with the children ... Reading has never looked so good!"

*Michelle Quick, Teacher*

"I love the ease of matching a child's phonic learning to a suitable book. It gives them the confidence to read what they know, as well as developing their phonic goals. There is a huge variety of books ..."

*Helen Chester, Teacher*

"These are great ... excellent for group work and they have a sense of humour running through them! Many phonics schemes are just decoding, and are therefore devoid of interest or sense, but the books in this scheme have both."

*Abi Burton, Teacher*





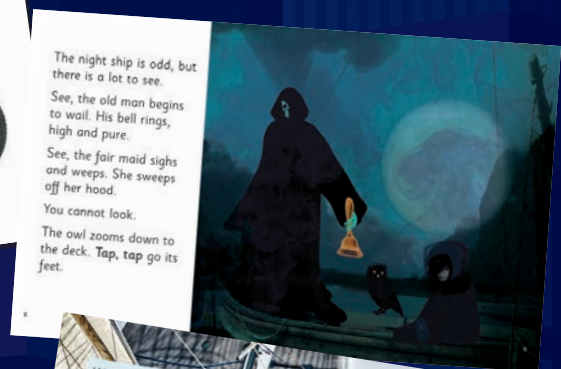
# Reading Stars Achieve Phonics

For some children, phonics takes longer to master.

Reading Stars Achieve Phonics is aimed at pupils aged 7 to 14 who have yet to learn to read fluently with understanding.

Coming  
Spring  
2024!

- Designed for pupils who are still learning to read (UK Key Stages 2 & 3, and International Grades 2 and up)
- Around 100 fully decodable phonics readers following the same progression as the Reading Stars Phonics reading books (covering Phases 2 to 5)
- Fiction and non-fiction, including a range of text types
- Carefully chosen, age-appropriate stories and topics that make for genuinely rewarding reads
- Supported by carefully chosen, age-appropriate illustrations and photographs
- Diverse stories, topics and characters
- Dyslexia friendly



Ransom's reputation as **the** specialist publisher of high interest age, low reading age titles means that you can be confident that these books will engage older children who are still struggling with phonics.



# Reading Stars Book Bands

66 carefully banded texts, including fiction and non-fiction on a range of topics and genres. The lowest bands offer short, simple, repetitive texts. Then, as children move through the bands, the texts become longer to build reading stamina. The children begin to read more complex vocabulary and sentence structures, and develop an understanding of more sophisticated texts.

**Ages 5–6 yrs**  
**£5.40–£5.99 each**

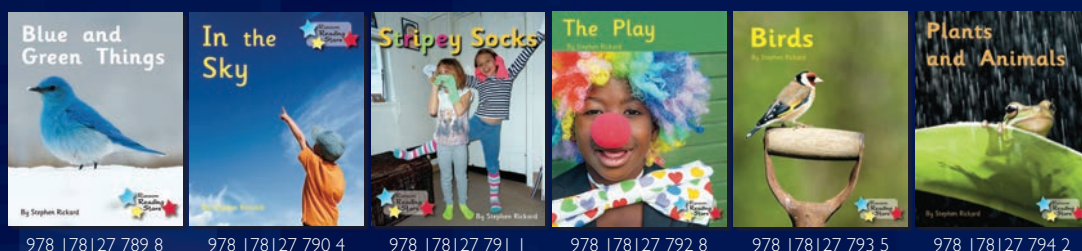
## Complete Packs - All Bands

**Pink to Lime** (1 of each title) 978 178127 691 4 **£366.98**

**Pink to Lime** (6 of each title) 978 178591 916 9 **£2,201.88**

### Pink Band

These books have very short, predictable, simple texts, usually with one simple sentence per page. They have a highly repetitive sentence and vocabulary structure.



### Red Band

Similar to Pink band, these books have very limited variations within the text.



### Yellow Band

There is more variation in the sentence structures of these books. Introduces some literary conventions. Storylines are likely to include more events.



### Blue Band

Blue band texts are longer texts, with up to 6-8 lines per page. There is a higher level of variation within the text. The pictures support the storyline.



### Green Band

These books have longer, more varied sentences. There is little repetition in text but unfamiliar words are repeated. Print may be in captions, fact boxes, etc.





# Reading Stars Book Bands

## Orange Band

Orange band texts have up to 250-300 words, with more space for print than illustrations. They contain more complex sentence structures and text types.



## Turquoise Band

Turquoise band have more extended descriptions. The non-fiction texts use more challenging vocabulary and there is less dependence on illustrations for meaning.



## Purple Band

These texts have longer, more complex sentence structures, some with chapters. They have a wider variety of genres, and non-fiction texts may include glossaries, indexes etc.



## Gold Band

Gold band texts are more challenging. The stories may reflect the feelings of the writer. They contain a wider vocabulary but with a controlled proportion of unfamiliar words.



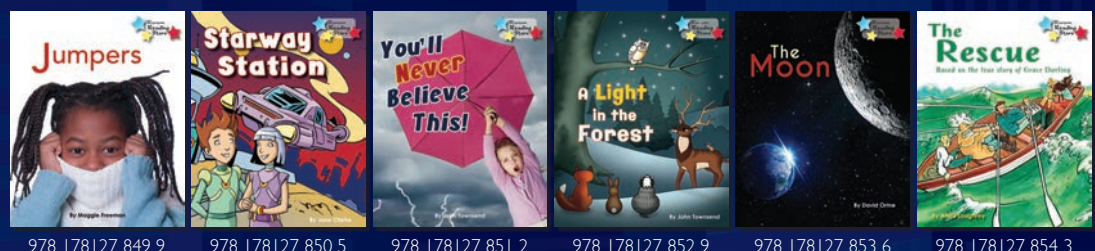
## White Band

These texts use more subordinate clauses. More than one point of view may be expressed in the text and action may be implied.



## Lime Band

The highest level in the bands. These texts offer the reader a more challenging read with more complex vocabulary and sentence structures.



### Packs by Band

#### Pink to Purple Bands

(1 of each title) **£32.40**  
(6 of each title) **£194.40**

### Packs by Band

#### Gold to Lime Bands

(1 of each title) **£35.94**  
(6 of each title) **£215.64**



# Alpha Stars



49 books covering A-Z and the 23 most common sounds. These books can be used to teach children to hear the letter in the spoken word and to see it in the written word, reinforcing their knowledge of letters and sounds. The books also introduce the letter names, once children have learnt their letter sounds as part of a phonics programme, and can teach children to write each letter in its lower case form. (Free worksheets can be downloaded from Ransom's website.)

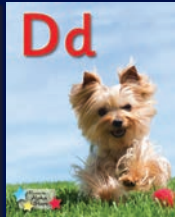
**Ages 5-6 yrs**  
**£3.12 each**



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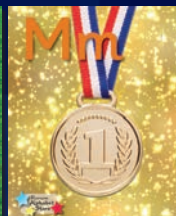
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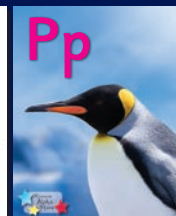
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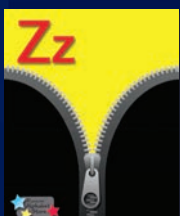
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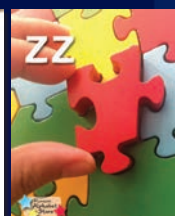
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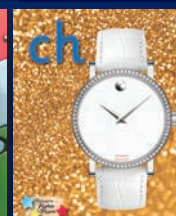
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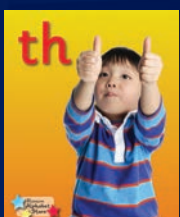
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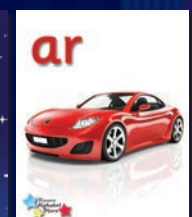
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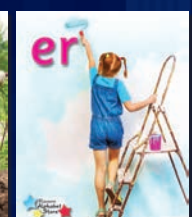
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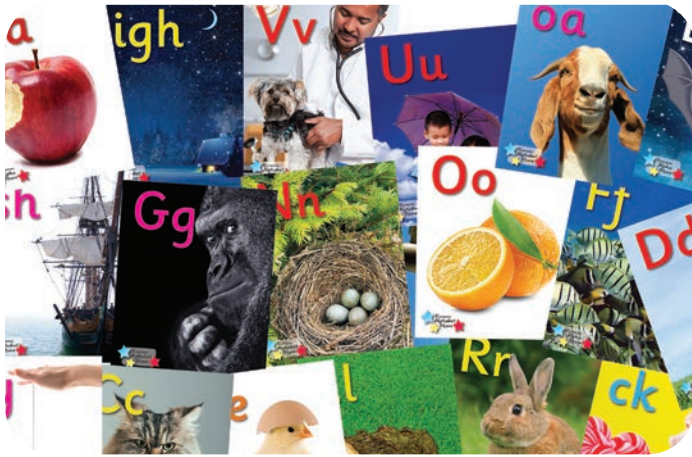


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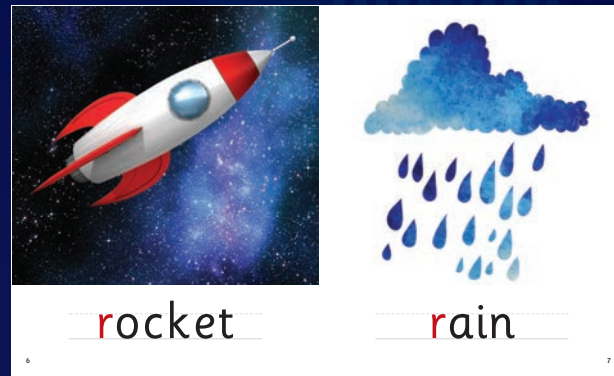
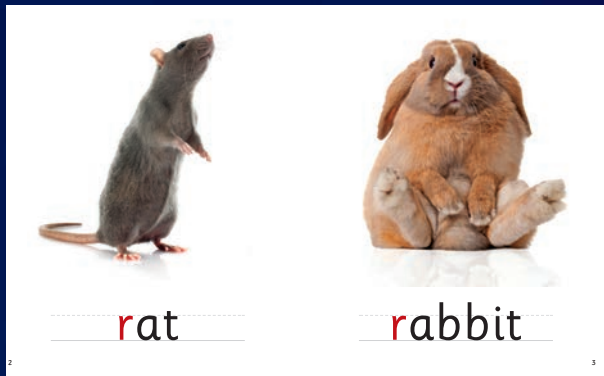
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(6 of each title) 978 180047 247 1 **£730.00**

## Individual Titles

(1 of each title) **£3.12**

(6 of each title) **£16.20**

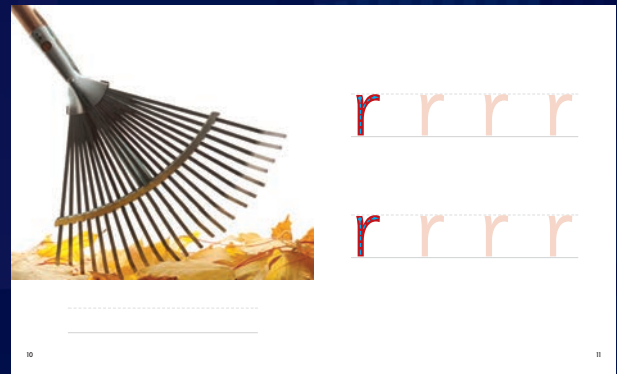


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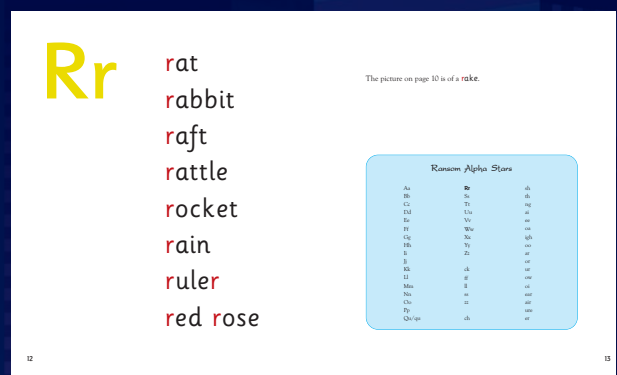


... followed by an unlabelled picture for the children to guess.

Then it shows how to write the letter.



The last page lists all the words in the book ... and (for the teacher) names the unlabelled picture on the previous page.





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