



Ambition, Achievement, Aspiration

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### **Assessing without Levels - A Guide for Parents**

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#### **Year 5**

Dear Parents,

Most children in Year 5 will be working within Band 5. The meaning of each step is clarified below.

Step 5b - Your child is beginning to meet some of the requirements of the Year 5 programme of study.

Step 5b+ - Your child is becoming more confident in some of the requirements of the Year 5 programme of study.

Step 5w - Your child is working confidently within the Year 5 programme of study.

Step 5w+ - Your child is working confidently within the Year 5 programme of study and is meeting a significant proportion of its requirements.

Step 5s - Your child is secure in the majority of the requirements of the Year 5 programme of study.

Step 5s+ - Your child has met nearly all the requirements of the Year 5 programme of study and demonstrates a deep understanding of these.

Pupils working significantly above the expectation for their year group can be assessed in the next year group's band. (6b, 6b+, 6w etc).

If a child is not yet able to work within band 5, they will continue to be assessed within a lower band.

Broadly speaking, to meet age related expectations, a child should be a 5b (5 beginning) at the start of year 5 and a 6b (6 beginning) at the start of Year 6.

However as children will inevitably be at different starting points at the beginning of Year 5, six steps of progress over the course of a year is considered good progress.

If you have any questions about the steps system of assessment, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Andrews  
Deputy Headteacher