

Teaching Procedures

To attain the best results from the Basil and Ginger First Reader Series I have always worked on a Farm Animals theme for the first term in the Reception Year. I organise an excursion to a farm where the children will be able to see a sheep dog in action and see the animals in a hands on situation. We make big books on farm animals and have pictures of the animals with captions around the room.

The words used in the Basil and Ginger First Reader Series are taken from nationally accepted High Frequency lists, colour words and words introduced with the Farmyard theme. The children will need to be familiar with the first 24 words before receiving the readers. They will then be confident with reading the first 30 books.

WORD LIST ONE

This	tractor	white
this	farm	red
Is	haystack	black
is	barn	yellow
a	has	blue
Basil	the	green
Ginger	The	I
and	here	see

While children are reading the series of books containing these words, the teacher would be introducing the next word list.

WORD LIST TWO

orange	hop	swim	pig
brown	hops	swims	in
can	go	fly	with
you	goes	flies	up
run	skip	cat	down
runs	skips	dog	big
jump	play	cow	little
jumps	plays	sheep	look

On completion of this word list, the children will be reading the books up to number 50.

WORD LIST THREE

his	tree	calf
her	garden	lamb
mother	house	piglet
Mother	after	they
father	baby	for
Father	babies	look
in	puppy	looks
out	kitten	at
come	Come	to

The Basil and Ginger First Reader Series is not designed to take the place of current readers used in Schools. It compliments the graded readers and is used in conjunction with them.

BASIL AND GINGER READING CHECKLIST

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	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	

To use the checklist, cross each square one way when the child receives the reader and cross the opposite way when reader is returned. This checklist can be stuck in the Reading record/Communication book.