




## English: Reading

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## **Purpose of Study**

English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Literature, especially, plays a key role in such development. Reading also enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and to build on what they already know. All the skills of language are essential to participating fully as a member of society; pupils, therefore, who do not learn to speak, read and write fluently and confidently are effectively disenfranchised.

The ability to read is fundamental to pupils' development across all subject areas. In order to read across the curriculum with accuracy, automaticity and prosody, children need to use a range of strategies. This includes drawing on contextual and grammar knowledge, applying phonic knowledge and skills and applying graphic knowledge and developing word recognition. It is essential that all children can read fluently and with confidence in any subject by the time they reach secondary school.

Reading development is closely related to that of writing, for it is by reflecting upon and talking about the texts they encounter, that children come to understand how writers write and the special relationship that exists between author and reader. Through reading, children can make sense of our world and their place in it.

## National Curriculum

EYFS - Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p><b>Word Reading</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>say a sound of each letter in the alphabet &amp; at least 10 digraphs</li> <li>read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending</li> <li>read aloud simple sentences &amp; books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge including some common exception words</li> </ul> <p><b>Comprehension</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories &amp; narratives using their own words &amp; recently introduced vocabulary</li> <li>anticipate, where appropriate, key events in stories</li> <li>use &amp; understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes &amp; poems &amp; during role-play</li> </ul>	<p><b>Word reading:</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words</li> <li>respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught</li> <li>read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>read words containing taught GPCs and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est endings</li> <li>read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs</li> <li>read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)</li> <li>read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words</li> <li>re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comprehension:</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently</li> </ul>	<p><b>Word reading:</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent</li> <li>read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above</li> <li>read words containing common suffixes</li> <li>read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered</li> <li>read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation</li> <li>re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading</li> </ul> <p><b>Comprehension</b> Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently</li> <li>discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related</li> <li>becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences</li> <li>• becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics</li> <li>• recognising and joining in with predictable phrases</li> <li>• learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart</li> <li>• discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known</li> <li>• understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:</li> <li>• drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher</li> <li>• checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading</li> <li>• discussing the significance of the title and events</li> <li>• making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done</li> <li>• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far</li> <li>• participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say</li> <li>• explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways</li> <li>• recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry</li> <li>• discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary</li> <li>• discussing their favourite words and phrases</li> <li>• continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear</li> <li>• understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher</li> <li>• checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading</li> <li>• making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done</li> <li>• answering and asking questions</li> <li>• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far</li> <li>• participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say</li> <li>• explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Years 3 and 4</b>	<b>Years 5 and 6</b>	
<b>Word reading:</b> Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet</li> </ul>	<b>Word reading:</b> Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although</li> <li>• using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.

### **Comprehension:**

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:
  - listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
  - reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
  - using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
  - increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
  - identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
  - preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
  - discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
  - recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]
  - understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by:
    - checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
    - asking questions to improve their understanding of a text
    - drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
    - predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
    - identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these
    - identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning

- choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition
- using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
- using fronted adverbials
- learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2
- indicate grammatical and other features by:
  - using commas after fronted adverbials
  - indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns
  - using and punctuating direct speech
  - use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.

### **Comprehension:**

Pupils should be taught to:

- maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:
  - continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
  - reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
  - increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions English – key stages 1 and 2 34 Statutory requirements
  - recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices
  - identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing
  - making comparisons within and across books
  - learning a wider range of poetry by heart
  - preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience
  - understand what they read by:
    - checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context
    - asking questions to improve their understanding
    - drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
    - predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
    - summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas
    - identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• retrieve and record information from non-fiction</li> <li>• participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader</li> <li>• distinguish between statements of fact and opinion</li> <li>• retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction</li> <li>• participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously</li> <li>• explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary</li> <li>• provide reasoned justifications for their views.</li> </ul>
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### **The contribution of music to teaching in other curriculum areas**

Reading is imperative to learners' success across the curriculum. In mathematics, reading comprehension aids the success of children in statutory assessments and word problems. In History, reading allows children to access, and analyse, primary and secondary sources. In art, reading allows children to research artists and understand the context behind some of the world's most famous art.

### **Quality of Education**

Intent
Reading lessons will contribute towards the progress of children, in terms of fluency and comprehension. High-quality CGP extracts will be used in each reading lesson. We will use resources from Reading Theatre to improve the automaticity and prosody of reading before considering comprehension. Children will make strong progress in reading comprehension and will be confident in their usage of VIPERs as a comprehensive strategy.

<b><u>Step 1</u></b>	<b><u>Step 2</u></b>	<b><u>Step 3</u></b>	<b><u>Step 4</u></b>	
<p><b><u>Read</u></b></p> <p>In the first session, a text (or extract) should be read as a group. A range of strategies to promote fluency will be used to help children read with accuracy (reading words correctly), automaticity (reading words automatically) and prosody (reading with stress and intonation). This will take the guise of echo, choral and repeated reading. Reading Theatre resources should be used, among others, which will have the added benefit of promoting a love of reading.</p>	<p><b><u>Comprehension Discussion</u></b></p> <p>First, the text should be read again as a group. Next, Review VIPERS: vocabulary, inference, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise.</p> <p>For the rest of the session, enhance the learners' understanding of the text through an oral comprehensive discussion, using VIPERS as a guide.</p>	<p><b><u>Comprehension Questions</u></b></p> <p>Children should independently answer the comprehension questions that accompany the text. They should answer in full sentences, using the question in the answer.</p> <p>Following this, the teacher should mark the child's work and identify which area of VIPERS they are struggling with. This can then be used to design a guided reading task on Day 4.</p>	<p><b><u>Guided Reading Task</u></b></p> <p>The group should be given a guided reading task, which relates to one area of VIPERS, ideally the area that they are finding difficult. This should be in line with the VIPERS progression documents for each year group, to ensure a progression of disciplinary knowledge.</p>	<p>Children will be read to by their teacher for at least 45 minutes a week. The text should be high-quality and will provide an opportunity for practitioners to model reading with prosody. Children will be able to discuss a wide range of texts that they have been exposed to in the school environment.</p> <p>A love of reading will be nurtured in school by cultivating a strong reading culture. Children will read frequently at home and will feel confident discussing the books that they are reading.</p>

## Progression of Knowledge

Substantive knowledge focuses on the texts that children are exposed to in school. These can be found for EYFs and KS1, as well as KS2, in the Writing progression document.

Disciplinary knowledge refers to two areas (as designated in the national curriculum): **word reading** and **comprehension**.

## Word Reading

	EYFS	Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2			
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	Use knowledge of phonics to decode regular words, as set out in the initial code of letters and sounds.	<p>To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.</p> <p>To blend sounds in the extended code, as set out in letters and sounds.</p>	<p>To apply phonic language and skills to decode words in the extended code with increasing accuracy and automaticity until reading of age-appropriate texts is fluent.</p> <p>To recognise alternative spellings of graphemes.</p> <p>To accurately read words with common suffixes and with two syllables</p>	<p>To apply their knowledge from phonics to read with accuracy and appropriate speed.</p> <p>To understand root words and be able to read common words including prefixes such as anti- and auto-.</p> <p>To be able to read words that include common suffixes such as -tion, -ssion, -ly, -ous, -ation and -ure.</p>	<p>To read most words with increasing automaticity.</p> <p>To apply their knowledge of phonics, root words, prefixes and suffices to read with fluency – shown by reading effortlessly</p>	<p>To read the vast majority of words with increasing fluency.</p> <p>To be able to decode unfamiliar words at speed.</p> <p>To further their knowledge of root words and suffixes, such as -cial, -tial and -ation.</p> <p>To further their knowledge of other suffixes such as -ence, -ible and -ibly.</p>	<p>To read fluently with full knowledge of all statutory words in Key Stage 2.</p> <p>To increase their skill of deducing meaning through contextual cues: reading around the word to check the meaning of a word before a dictionary is used.</p>



<b>Common Exception Words</b>	To read some common irregular words.	To read Y1 common exception words.	To read all Y1 and most Y2 common exception words.	To begin to read Year 3/4 statutory words.	To read all Year 3/4 common exception words fluently.	To read most Y5/Y6 exception words.
<b>Fluency</b>	To read and understand simple sentences.	<p>To read texts that include sounds that have been explicitly taught as part of phonics lessons</p> <p>To re-read texts to improve fluency and confidence when reading.</p>	<p>To read books with sounds that have been taught, encompassing all of the extended code in Sounds Write.</p> <p>To re-read texts to improve the automaticity (effortless nature) of reading.</p>	<p>At this age, comprehensive knowledge takes precedence over fluency. However, we are proud to say that we still develop the fluency of our readers in Key Stage 2. The following points are hierarchical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To read most words accurately</li> <li>2) To read most texts with automaticity, only decoding unfamiliar or topic-specific vocabulary</li> <li>3) To read with prosody, using expression, tone and rhythm to show understanding and bring the book to life.</li> </ol>		

## Comprehension

### Reception

	Key Reading Skills	Suggested question stems for whole class reading
<b>Vocabulary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing word meanings</li> <li>join in with predictable phrases</li> <li>use vocabulary given by the teacher</li> <li>discuss his/her favourite words and phrases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does this word mean?</li> <li>Which word in do you think is the most important? Why?</li> <li>Which word tells you what the character is like?</li> <li>Why do you think they repeat this word in the story?</li> </ul>
<b>Inference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children make basic inferences about characters' feelings</li> <li>infer basic points with direct reference to the pictures and words in the text</li> <li>discuss the significance of events</li> <li>demonstrate simple inference from the text based on what is said and done</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think..... means?</li> <li>Why do you think that?</li> <li>How do you think.....?</li> <li>When do you think.....?</li> <li>How does ..... make you feel?</li> <li>Why did .....happen?</li> </ul>
<b>Prediction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far</li> <li>make simple predictions based on the story and on their own life experience.</li> <li>begin to explain these ideas verbally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at the cover and the title, what do you think this book is about?</li> <li>Where do you think.....will go next?</li> <li>What do you think..... will say / do next?</li> <li>What do you think this book will be about? Why?</li> <li>How do you think that this will end?</li> <li>Who do you think has done it?</li> <li>What might ..... say about that?</li> <li>Can you draw what might happen next?</li> </ul>

<b>Explaining</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>give my opinion including likes and dislikes</li> <li>link what they read or hear to their own experiences</li> <li>express views about events or characters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>What do you like about this text?</li> <li>Who is your favourite character?</li> </ul>
<b>Retrieval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>answer a question about what has just happened in a story.</li> <li>develop their knowledge of retrieval through images.</li> <li>recognize characters, events, titles and information.</li> <li>Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is your favourite character?</li> <li>Why do you think all the main characters are ... in this book?</li> <li>Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?</li> <li>Who is/are the main character(s)?</li> <li>When/where is this story set?</li> <li>Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story?</li> </ul>
<b>Sequence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sequence the events of a story they are familiar with</li> <li>begin to discuss how events are linked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What happens in the beginning of the story?</li> <li>Can you number these events in the story?</li> <li>How/where does the story start?</li> <li>What happened at the end of the....?</li> <li>What happened before that?</li> <li>Can you sequence the key moments in this story?</li> </ul>

## Year 1

	Key Reading Skills	Suggested question stems for whole class reading
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known</li> <li>draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text</li> <li>join in with predictable phrases</li> <li>use vocabulary given by the teacher</li> <li>discuss his/her favourite words and phrases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does the word.....mean in this sentence?</li> <li>Find and copy a word which means .....</li> <li>Which word in do you think is the most important? Why?</li> <li>Which of the words best describes the character or setting?</li> <li>Which word in this part do you think is the most important?</li> <li>Why do you think they repeat this word in the story?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children make basic inferences about characters' feelings by using whatthey say as evidence.</li> <li>infer basic points with direct reference to the pictures and words in the text</li> <li>discuss the significance of the title and events</li> <li>demonstrate simple inference from the text based on what is said and done</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think ..... means?</li> <li>Why do you think that?</li> <li>How do you think..... ?</li> <li>When do you think.....?</li> <li>Where do you think. ?</li> <li>How does .....make you feel?</li> <li>Why did ..... happen?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far interms of story, character and plot</li> <li>make simple predictions based on the story and on their own lifeexperience.</li> <li>begin to explain these ideas verbally or though pictures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at the cover and the title, what do you think this book is about?</li> <li>Where do you think..... will go next?</li> <li>What do you think ..... will say / do next?</li> <li>What do you think this book will be about? Why?</li> <li>How do you think that this will end?</li> <li>Who do you think has done it?</li> <li>What might ..... say about that?</li> <li>Can you draw what might happen next?</li> </ul>
Explaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>give my opinion including likes and dislikes (not nc objective).</li> <li>link what they read or hear to their own experiences</li> <li>explain clearly my understanding of what has been read to them</li> <li>express views about events or characters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>What do you like about this text?</li> <li>Who is your favourite character? Why?</li> </ul>
Retrieval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>answer a question about what has just happened in a story.</li> <li>develop their knowledge of retrieval through images.</li> <li>recognize characters, events, titles and information.</li> <li>recognize differences between fiction and non-fiction texts.</li> <li>retrieve information by finding a few key words.</li> <li>Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is your favourite character?</li> <li>Why do you think all the main characters are ... in this book?</li> <li>Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?</li> <li>Who is/are the main character(s)?</li> <li>When/where is this story set?</li> <li>Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story?</li> <li>Is this a fiction or a non-fiction book? How do you know?</li> </ul>
Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>retell familiar stories orally e.g fairy stories and traditional tales</li> <li>sequence the events of a story they are familiar with</li> <li>begin to discuss how events are linked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What happens in the beginning of the story?</li> <li>Can you number these events in the story?</li> <li>How/where does the story start?</li> <li>What happened at the end of the....?</li> <li>Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?</li> <li>What happened before that?</li> <li>Can you sequence the key moments in this story?</li> </ul>

## Year 2

	Key Reading Skills	Suggested question stems for whole class and guided reading
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing and clarifying the meanings of words; link new meanings to known vocabulary</li> <li>discussing their favourite words and phrases</li> <li>recognise some recurring language in stories and poems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you find a noun/adjective/verb that tells/shows you that...?</li> <li>Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?</li> <li>Which other word on this page means the same as...?</li> <li>Find an adjective in the text which describes...</li> <li>Which word do you think is most important in this section? Why?</li> <li>Which word best describes...?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make inferences about characters' feelings using what they say and do.</li> <li>infer basic points and begin, with support, to pick up on subtler references.</li> <li>answering and asking questions and modifying answers as the story progresses</li> <li>use pictures or words to make inferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think ..... means?</li> <li>Why do you think that?</li> <li>Why do you think ?</li> <li>How do you think .... ?</li> <li>When do you think ?</li> <li>Where do you think ?</li> <li>How has the author made us think that?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read in terms of plot, character and language so far</li> <li>make predictions using their own knowledge as well as what has happened so far to make logical predictions and give explanations of them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where do you think ..... will go next?</li> <li>What do you think .... will say/do next?</li> <li>What do you think this book will be about? Why?</li> <li>How do you think that this will end? What makes you say that?</li> <li>Who do you think has done it?</li> <li>What might..... say about that?</li> <li>How does the choice of character affect what will happen next?</li> </ul>
Explaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves</li> <li>express my own views about a book or poem</li> <li>discuss some similarities between books</li> <li>listen to the opinion of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is similar/different about two characters?</li> <li>Explain why... did that..</li> <li>Is this as good as...?</li> <li>Which is better and why?</li> <li>Does the picture help us? How?</li> <li>What would you do if you were...?</li> <li>Would you like to live in this setting? Why?</li> <li>Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>Do you agree with the author's...? Why?</li> </ul>

Retrieval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• independently read and answer simple questions about what they have just read.</li> <li>• asking and answering retrieval questions</li> <li>• draw on previously taught knowledge</li> <li>• remember significant event and key information about the text that they have read</li> <li>• Monitor their reading, checking words that they have decoded, to ensure that they fit within the text they have already read</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is/are the main character(s)?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>• Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/ scariest part of the story? Why?</li> <li>• Tell me three facts you have learned from the text.</li> <li>• Find the part where...</li> <li>• What type of text is this?</li> <li>• What happened to ... in the end of the story?</li> </ul>
Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related.</li> <li>• retell using a wider variety of story language.</li> <li>• order events from the text.</li> <li>• begin to discuss how events are linked focusing on the main content of the story.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens in the story's opening?</li> <li>• How/where does the story start?</li> <li>• What happened at the end of the...? •</li> <li>• What is the dilemma in this story?</li> <li>• How is it resolved?</li> <li>• Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?</li> <li>• Can you summarise in 3 sentences the beginning, middle and end of this story?</li> </ul>

## Year 3

	Key Reading Skills	Question Stems
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read</li> <li>• discuss words that capture the readers interest or imagination</li> <li>• identify how language choices help build meaning</li> <li>• find the meaning of new words using substitution within a sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>• Can you find this word in the dictionary?</li> <li>• By writing in this way, what effect has the author created?</li> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here?</li> <li>• How has the author made you feel by writing...?</li> <li>• Which word tells you that...?</li> <li>• Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to...?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their stated actions.</li> <li>• justify inferences by referencing a specific point in the text.</li> <li>• ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.</li> <li>• make inferences about actions or events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think..... means?</li> <li>• Why do you think that?</li> <li>• Why do you think ?</li> <li>• How do you think.....?</li> <li>• Can you explain why ...?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• Find and copy a group of words which show...?</li> <li>• How does the description of ... show that they are...?</li> <li>• Who is telling the story?</li> <li>• Why has the character done this at this time?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• justify predictions using evidence from the text.</li> <li>• use relevant prior knowledge to make predictions and justify them.</li> <li>• use details from the text to form further predictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another story with a similar theme?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this?</li> <li>• Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> <li>• What happened before this and what do you think will happen after?</li> <li>• Do you think the setting will have an impact on plot moving forward?</li> </ul>

<b>Explaining</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussing the features of a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning of both fiction and non-fiction texts</li> <li>• recognise authorial choices and the purpose of these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that.</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Is this as good as...?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• Why do you think they chose to order the text in this way?</li> <li>• What is the purpose of this text and who do you think it was written for?</li> <li>• What is the author's viewpoint? How do you know?</li> <li>• How are these two sections in the text linked?</li> </ul>
<b>Retrieval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use contents page and subheadings to locate information</li> <li>• learn the skill of 'skim and scan' to retrieve details.</li> <li>• begin to use quotations from the text.</li> <li>• retrieve and record information from a fiction text.</li> <li>• retrieve information from a non-fiction text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the characters in this text?</li> <li>• When / where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>• Which part of the story best describes the setting?</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here?</li> <li>• What might this mean?</li> <li>• How might I find the information quickly?</li> <li>• What can I use to help me navigate this book?</li> <li>• How would you describe the story?</li> <li>• Whose perspective is the story told from?</li> </ul>
<b>Summarise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying main ideas drawn from a key paragraph or page and summarising these</li> <li>• begin to distinguish between the important and less important information in a text.</li> <li>• give a brief verbal summary of a story.</li> <li>• teachers begin to model how to record summary writing.</li> <li>• identify themes from a wide range of books</li> <li>• make simple notes from one source of writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point in this paragraph?</li> <li>• Sum up what has happened so far in X words or less.</li> <li>• Which is the most important point in these paragraphs?</li> <li>• Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> <li>• Have you noticed any similarities between this text and any others you have read?</li> <li>• What do I need to jot down to remember what I have read?</li> </ul>

## Year 4

	Key Reading Skills	Question Stems
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read</li> <li>• use a thesaurus to find synonyms</li> <li>• discuss why words have been chosen and the effect these have on the reader</li> <li>• explain how words can capture the interest of the reader</li> <li>• discuss new and unusual vocabulary and clarify the meaning of these</li> <li>• find the meaning of new words using the context of the sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you find the meaning or a word with a similar meaning in a dictionary or thesaurus?</li> <li>• What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>• By writing..., what effect has the author created?</li> <li>• Do you think they intended to?</li> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why? How has the author...?</li> <li>• Which word is closest in meaning to...?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives (I know this because questions)</li> <li>• infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their stated actions.</li> <li>• consolidate the skill of justifying them using a specific reference point in the text</li> <li>• use more than one piece of evidence to justify their answer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think ..... means?</li> <li>• Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>• I think ..... ; do you agree? Why / why not?</li> <li>• How do you think .....?</li> <li>• Can you explain why .....?</li> <li>• Can you explain why based on two different pieces of evidence?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• Find and copy a group of words which show that...</li> <li>• What impression of ...do you get from this paragraph?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• justify predictions using evidence from the text.</li> <li>• use relevant prior knowledge as well as details from the text to form predictions and to justify them.</li> <li>• monitor these predictions and compare them with the text as they read on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another text with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> <li>• What does this paragraph suggest what will happen next?</li> <li>• Do you think ... will happen? Explain your answers with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>



Explaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination</li> <li>identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>recognise authorial choices and the purpose of these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>Explain why... did that.</li> <li>Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>Is this as good as...?</li> <li>Which is better and why?</li> <li>What can you tell me about how this text is organised?</li> <li>Why is the text arranged in this way?</li> <li>What is the purpose of this text and who is the audience?</li> <li>How does the author engage the reader here?</li> <li>Which section was the most ...? Why?</li> </ul>
Retrieval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confidently skim and scan texts to record details,</li> <li>using relevant quotes to support their answers to questions.</li> <li>retrieve and record information from a fiction or non-fiction text.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>When/where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>What might this mean?</li> <li>Whose perspective is the story told by and how do you know?</li> <li>How can you use the subheading to help you here?</li> </ul>
Summarise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use skills developed in year 3 in order to write a brief summary of main points, identifying and using important information.</li> <li>identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph.</li> <li>identify themes from a wide range of books</li> <li>summarise whole paragraphs, chapters or texts</li> <li>highlight key information and record it in bullet points, diagrams, maps etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?</li> <li>Sum up what has happened so far in X words/seconds or less.</li> <li>Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?</li> <li>Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> <li>How might I record this to ensure the best possible outcome?</li> </ul>

## Year 5

	Key Reading Skills	Question Stems
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explore the meaning of words in context, confidently using a dictionary</li> <li>discuss how the author's choice of language impacts the reader</li> <li>evaluate the authors use of language</li> <li>investigate alternative word choices that could be made</li> <li>begin to look at the use of figurative language</li> <li>use a thesaurus to find synonyms for a larger variety of words</li> <li>re-write passages using alternative word choices</li> <li>read around the word' and *explore its meaning in the broader context of a section or paragraph.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you quickly find...in the dictionary and thesaurus?</li> <li>What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?</li> <li>What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?</li> <li>How has the author made you/this character feel by writing...? Why?</li> <li>Find and highlight the word which is closest in meaning to ...</li> <li>Find a word which demonstrates...</li> <li>Can you rewrite this in the style of the author using your own words?</li> <li>How have simile and metaphor been used here to enhance the text?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li>make inferences about actions, feelings, events or states</li> <li>use figurative language to infer meaning</li> <li>give one or two pieces of evidence to support the point they are making.</li> <li>begin to draw evidence from more than one place across a text.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>I think.....; do you agree? Why/why not?</li> <li>Why do you think the author? decided to ?</li> <li>Can you explain why ? Can you give me evidence from somewhere else in the text?</li> <li>What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>How does the author make you feel?</li> <li>What impression do you get from these paragraphs?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>predicting what might happen from details stated and implied</li> <li>support predictions with relevant evidence from the text.</li> <li>confirm and modify predictions as they read on.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> </ul>

<b>Explaining</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide increasingly reasoned justification for my views</li> <li>• recommend books for peers in detail</li> <li>• give reasons for authorial choices</li> <li>• begin to challenge points of view</li> <li>• begin to distinguish between fact and opinion</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>• discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader</li> <li>• explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that.</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Does this story have a moral?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• How is the text organised and what impact does this have on you as a reader?</li> <li>• Why has the text been written this way?</li> <li>• How can you tell whether it is fact and opinion?</li> <li>• How is this text similar to the writing we have been doing?</li> <li>• How does the author engage the audience?</li> </ul>
<b>Retrieval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• confidently skim and scan, and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information.</li> <li>• use evidence from across larger sections of text</li> <li>• read a broader range of texts including myths, legends, stories from other cultures, modern fiction and archaic texts.</li> <li>• retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• ask my own questions and follow a line of enquiry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.</li> <li>• Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>• Who is telling this story?</li> <li>• Can you skim/scan quickly to find the answer?</li> </ul>
<b>Summarise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, page, chapter or the entire text identifying key details to support the main ideas.</li> <li>• make connections between information across the text and include this in an answer.</li> <li>• discuss the themes or conventions from a chapter or text</li> <li>• identify themes across a wide range of writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?</li> <li>• Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.</li> <li>• Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?</li> <li>• Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> <li>• Can you find a text with a similar theme?</li> </ul>

## Year 6

	Key Reading Skills	Question Stems
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluate how the authors' use of language impacts upon the reader</li> <li>• find examples of figurative language and how this impacts the reader and contributes to meaning or mood.</li> <li>• discuss how presentation and structure contribute to meaning.</li> <li>• explore the meaning of words in context by 'reading around the word' and independently explore its meaning in the broader context of a section or paragraph.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>• By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?</li> <li>• Can you find examples of simile, metaphor, hyperbole or personification in the text?</li> <li>• Why has the text been organised in this way? Would you have done it differently?</li> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why? How has the author made you/this character feel by writing...? Why?</li> </ul>
Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li>• discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues.</li> <li>• make inferences about events, feelings, states backing these up with evidence.</li> <li>• infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives, giving more than one piece of evidence to support each point made. They can draw evidence from different places across the text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>• I think.....; do you agree? Why/why not?</li> <li>• Why do you think the author decided to ?</li> <li>• Can you explain why ?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• How do other people's descriptions of ...show that...?</li> <li>• Where else in the text can we find the answer to this question?</li> </ul>
Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting what might happen from details stated and implied</li> <li>• support predictions by using relevant evidence from the text</li> <li>• confirm and modify predictions in light of new information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> </ul>

Explaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide increasingly reasoned justification for my views</li> <li>• recommend books for peers in detail</li> <li>• give reasons for authorial choices</li> <li>• begin to challenge points of view</li> <li>• begin to distinguish between fact and opinion</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>• discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader</li> <li>• explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates.</li> <li>• distinguish between fact, opinion and bias explaining how they know this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that.</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Does this story have a moral?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• Can you identify where the author has shown bias towards a particular character?</li> <li>• Is it fact or is it opinion? How do you know?</li> <li>• How does the author make you feel at this point in the story? Why did they do that?</li> <li>• Can you explain it in a different way?</li> </ul>
Retrieval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children confidently skim and scan, and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information. *They use evidence from across whole chapters or texts</li> <li>• Read a broader range of texts including myths, legends, stories from other cultures, modern fiction, plays, poetry and archaic texts.</li> <li>• Retrieve, record and present information from a wide variety of non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Ask my own questions and follow a line of enquiry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>• Can you skim the next... and find me the answer to...?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.</li> <li>• Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>• Who is telling this story?</li> <li>• What genre is...?</li> <li>• Can you look at these other texts and find me what is similar and what is different?</li> </ul>
Summarise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• summarise information from across a text and link information by analysing and evaluating ideas between sections of the text.</li> <li>• summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas</li> <li>• make comparisons across different books.</li> <li>• summarise entire texts, in addition to chapters or paragraphs, using a limited amount of words or paragraphs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point of the text?</li> <li>• Can you look in this paragraph? What does the author mean? Is it mentioned anywhere else?</li> <li>• Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.</li> <li>• Can you read the text and summarise what has happened?</li> <li>• Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?</li> <li>• Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> </ul>

