

Progression of skills – Reading Skills



Yr	Prediction	Summarising	Vocabulary	Retrieval	Justify / Evaluate	Inference	Questioning	Comparisons
1	Make predictions based on clues such as pictures, illustrations, titles		Make collections of interesting words and use them when talking about books and stories. Explore the effect of patterned language or repeated words and phrases in familiar stories.	Match events to characters in narrative and detail and information to objects or topics in non-fiction texts.	Answer simple questions where they recall information from a text. Talk about aspects of the text that they like.	Speculate about characters from what they say and do. Discuss what is suggested about a character from the way or how they speak. Link what they are reading to their own experience.	Pose questions and use a text to find answers	Discuss and compare events or topics they have read about or have listened to.
2	Use immediate clues and what they have read already to make predictions about what is going to happen or what they will find out.	Retell a story giving the main events Retell some important information they've found out from the text. Draw together information from across a non-fiction passage.	Develop understanding of words met in reading. Speculate about the possible meaning of unfamiliar words they have read. Investigate traditional story language	Retrieve information from a text and represent it in a variety of forms including matching and linking information, ordering, tabulating and copying. Use different formats to answer questions on a text.	Answer simple retrieval and inference questions by making a point and supporting it with evidence from the text Explain why they like a particular text.	Make inferences about characters from what they say and do, focusing on important moments in the text. Re-read sections of text carefully to check their ideas about the text.	Pose and record questions prior to reading to find something out. Ask follow up questions about the topics they've read about.	Identify, collect and compare common themes in stories and poems. Make comparisons of characters and events in narratives. Compare information about different topics in non-fiction texts.
3	Update and modify predictions about the events, characters or ideas in a text on a regular basis throughout their reading.	Retell the main points of a story in sequence. Identify a few key points from across a non-fiction passage.	Identify where an author uses alternatives and synonyms for common or over used words and speculate about the shades of meaning implied. Discuss the language used to create significant aspects of a text. E.g. opening, build up, atmosphere	Use different formats to information e.g. flowcharts, for and against columns. Record their understanding of a text in different ways, using a range of formats.	Re-read sections of the text carefully to find evidence to support their ideas about a text. Answer simple retrieval and inference questions both orally and in writing by making a point and explaining it. Say why they prefer one text to another.	Understand how what a character says or does impacts on other characters' behaviour from scenes across a short story. Re-read sections of texts carefully to check their ideas about their text.	Prepare and list questions as the basis for enquiry and decide which are the most important to follow up.	Make comparisons between events in narratives or information texts on the same topic or theme. Compare and contrast books written by the same author.
4	Make predictions about a text based on prior knowledge of the topic, event or type of text. Modify predictions as they read on.	Summarise a sentence or paragraphs by identifying the most important elements. Make brief summaries at regular intervals when reading, picking up clues and hints as what is directly stated.	Consider a writers' use of specific and precise nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and discuss the meanings conveyed. Investigate the meaning of technical words they meet in their writing. Discuss the meaning of similes and other comparisons that they read.	Retrieve and collect information from different sources and represent it in different forms e.g. charts, posters, diagrams. Answer questions on a text using different formats e.g. matching, ordering.	Support their ideas about a text by quoting or by paraphrasing from it. Answer retrieval and inferential questions both orally and in writing. Identify aspects or features that make a text entertaining or useful.	Deduce the reason for the way that characters behave from scenes across the story. Think about what they have read, re-read sections of text to find evidence to support speculations.	Prepare and carry out factual research by reviewing what is known, what needs to be found out, what resources are available and where to search.	Collect information to compare and contrast events, characters and ideas. Compare and contrast books and poems on similar themes.

5	Make regular and	Make regular, brief	Distinguish between	Recognise different types of	Evaluate a book or a section	Understand what is implied	Prepare for research by	Make comparisons between the	
	increasingly plausible	summaries of what they	everyday word meanings	comprehension questions.	of it, referring to detail and	about characters and make	identifying what they already	ways that different characters or	
	predictions as they read,	have read, identifying key	and their subject specific	Vary the reading strategies	examples in the text to back	judgements about their	know and what they need to	events are presented.	
	modifying their ideas as	points.	use e.g. force.	they use to answer	up their judgement and	motives and attitudes from	find out. Pan their inquiry or	Compare the way that ideas or	
	they read the next part	Summarise a complete		questions, depending on	support reasoning.	the dialogue and	research in the light of these	themes are presented in	
	of the text.	short text or substantial	Consider the language used	the different types of	Identify and summarise	descriptions.	questions. Adapt as they read.	different texts or in different	
		section of text.	in a text and pick up the	questions.	evidence.			versions of the same text.	
		Summarise what is known	implications and	Answer questions by		Summarise their current			
		about a character, event	associations being made by	explaining their ideas orally		understanding at regular			
		or topic. Explain any	the writer.	and in writing, including		intervals when reading an			
		inferences and opinions.		questions requiring open		extended text.			
				ended responses					
6	Make plausible	Make regular, brief	Collect unfamiliar	Record details retrieved	Identify material from texts	Understand what is implied	Locate resources for a specific	Compare and contrast the work	
	predictions and explain	summaries of what they	vocabulary from texts they	from the text about	to support an argument,	about characters through the	research task, identifying key	of a single author.	
	what they are basing	have read, linking their	have read, define meaning	characters, events and	know when it is useful to	way they are presented,	questions to be investigated.	Investigate different versions of	
	them on. Discuss how	summary to previous	and use the vocabulary	ideas.	quote directly, paraphrase or	including through the use of		the same story or different	
	and why they need to	predictions. Update in	when recording ideas about	Recognise different types of	adapt.	a narrator or narrative voice.	Refine research questions in the	books on the same topic,	
	modify their predictions	light of what they have	the text.	comprehension questions		Explaining how this	light of their initial findings.	identify similarities and	
	as they read on.	read. Summarise evidence	Collect and define technical	and know whether the		influences the readers' view		differences.	
		from across the text to	vocabulary met in other	information required for	Identify the features that	of characters.			
		explain events.	subjects.	the answer will be explicitly	make some texts more				
		Summarise their current		stated.	effective than others.				
		understanding about the	Identify the hints that	Use confidently the					
		text at regular intervals.	writers make through their	different formats to answer					
			choices of words and	questions.					
			phrases and the	Answer questions by					
			associations these evoke.	explaining their ideas orally					
				and in writing.					
	Distinguish between fact	Year 5: In persuasive writing and other texts investigate how language is used to present opinion. Distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction in different texts.							
	and opinion	Year 6: Distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction. In non-fiction texts distinguish between explicit and implicit points of view.							