

KS2 Reading Skills

Thrupp Primary School



Fluency and expression is being able to read out loud in a way which is enjoyable for someone to listen to. To be fluent and expressive we need to be able to decode words to pronounce them correctly, and also pay attention to punctuation to know when to pause and how to vary our voice.



Inference is a bit like being a detective. We find clues in the text and put them together to work out what has happened. We also use our own personal experience to come to conclusions about characters and events in the text. The more confident the reader we are, the better the detective – we infer without even realise we are doing it!



Prediction is using clues in the text to work out what might happen next.



Explanation is being able to give reasons for why things happen in a story, why an author has chosen certain words or why a writer has chosen to organise information in a certain way in non-fiction.



Understanding vocabulary is a bit like being a dictionary!
It is looking at the words, phrases and sentence structures that an author uses, understanding what they mean and describing the effect it has on you as a reader.



Retrieval is a bit like hide and seek.

It is identifying and recording information from a text. Without this skill it is much harder to infer, predict, summarise and explain.

You need to find the 'buzz word/s' in the question to help you decide which information to seek for. You then scan the text for this buzz word.



Summarising is picking out the most important information from what you have read and retelling it in your own words.



Context and background knowledge is using everything you already know to help you understand what is happening in a story. Sometimes we need a bit of extra information before we read a story to help us understand the place the story is set or the historical period it takes place in.



Authorial Intent is about thinking like the author.
Why did the author choose to use a certain word, or put events in a certain order, or kept something hidden from us until the end?