

Questions to support reading

We assess the children in 7 areas (assessment focuses AF). In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) AF1 and AF2 have a bigger weighting and as the children become more fluent readers AF2 and AF3 have more weighting.

AF1 - use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning

Questions to support AF1:

- What does this word say? What strategies could you use for this word? Can you sound the word out?
- Are there any graphemes you know in this word?
- Can you read with more expression? Can you use character voices?
- What does this punctuation mark tell you?
- Why are these words in bold/capitals?

AF2 - understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text

Questions to support AF2:

- Where/when does the story take place?
- What does he/she look like? Where did he/she live?
- Who are the main characters.
- Tell me about this character.
- Read the part that tells me...
- Tell me the main parts of the story.
- What is the problem?
- What does.....mean? What happened at...? Where are...?

AF3 - deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts

Questions to support AF3:

- How do you think ... is feeling?
- What words tell us that...?
- How did...? Why did...?
- What does ... tell us about...?
- Do you agree with... why?
- Who do you think would find this book helpful?
- Why is ... important?

AF4 - identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level

Questions to support AF4:

- Can you tell me what happened at the end of the story?
- What kind of text is this? How do you know?
- Why does the author use...?
- Why does the author choose to...?
- How does this layout help the reader?
- Why are these words bold?
- Why are ...used?

AF5 - explain and comment on writers' use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level

Questions to support AF5:

- Why does the writer choose ...?
- Can you find any exciting words on this page?
- What adjectives are used to describe...?
- The author writes... How does he want us to think...is feeling?
- Which words describe...?
- Why were these words used?

AF6 - identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader

Questions to support AF6:

- What do you think the author thinks?
- Does the author like...?
- Do you agree with the author?
- What do you think about...?
- Read the description about... How does it make you feel?
- Can you think of another story with...?
- What is the author trying to say about...?

AF7 - relate texts to their social, cultural and historical traditions

Questions to support AF7:

- What type of writing is this? How do you know?
- When/where do you think this story is set?
- How do you know this story is not set in our town, time, country?
- Tell me two things that tell me this story is set in a different...?
- Can you think of time when you...?
- Have you ever been to a place like this?