**Reviewing Novels: Year 3 and 4 Reading Objectives**

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| **Objectives** | **Questions** |
| Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas | Sum up what this story was about.  |
| Retrieve information | What was the most difficult problem that the main character faced in the story? Was this problem resolved? |
| Ask questions to provide clarification and deepen understanding of a text. | Were there any questions which were left unanswered at the end?  |
| Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning | Which parts of the story was the most exciting part?  |
| Draw inferences such as inferring characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence | How would you describe the main character? Make reference to how they acted in the text. Think about the story you have just read. Can you think of another title the novel could have? Why have you chosen this title? |
| Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. | Imagine there was an additional chapter at the end of the story. What might happen in this chapter?  |
| Identify and discuss themes and conventions | What type of story was this (identify genre)? Find examples of features of the genre you have identified within the story you have just read.  |
| Be learning to justify their views about what they have read: with support at the start of year 3 and increasingly independently by the end of year 4 | Were there moments in the story where you disapproved of the way **any** of the characters acted? Explain your answer. Did the story end in the way you expected? Explain your answer. Would you like to read other books by this author? Why or why not? Make a comment on the author’s style based on the book you have just read e.g. successfully creates tension...writes in an amusing way... writes realistic fiction...uses effective description etc. Explain your comment with reference to the text. Would you like to read other books by this author? Why or why not? Did you enjoy the story? Explain your reasons in detail e.g. make reference to characters, settings, plot, genre, author style, build up of tension etc. Avoid using the word boring or good in your answer!  |