

Year 6 Children are Expected to:	To support this, you could ask or say...
apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	Can you find a word which begins with the prefix dis-? What does the prefix anti- mean? So what could this new word mean?
maintain positive attitudes to reading and an understanding of what they have read	Did you enjoy that book? Why? What kind of text would you like to read next?
continue to read and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction, reference books and textbooks	What did you think about...? Shall we go and watch a play about...? Have you ever read a... poem?
read books which are structured in different ways and written for a range of purposes	Can you see any subheadings in this text? Why are they used? What organisational feature is this?
increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions	What type of story is this? Have you ever read a...? Let's go to the library and see if we can find a book from... What other cultures would you like to read about?
recommend books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices	Would you recommend it? Who do you think would like this book? What makes it so good?
identify and discuss themes (such as loss or heroism) and conventions (such as the use of first person in diary entries) in and across a wide range of writing	Can you see a theme running through this story? What is it? How often is it mentioned? How does this text differ to a story?
make comparisons within and across	books Is that what... said had happened too? How is... similar to...? Do they differ?
prepare and perform poems and plays outloud, showing an understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that meaning is clear to the audience	Would you like to try going to a local drama group? Think about your voice when you read that; how might the witch speak?
check that the book makes sense to them; discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of new words in context.	Tell me about what you've just read. Were there any words you didn't quite understand? The word... means...; In a sentence it's...
ask questions to improve their understanding	Is there anything you don't understand that you want to ask me about?
draw inferences, such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence	How do you think... is feeling? What makes you say that? Show me in the text. Why do you think... acted in that way?
predict what might happen from details stated and implied	What might...? What makes you think that? Show me in the text.

summarise the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas	What theme can we see across these paragraphs? Is anything mentioned more than once?
identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning	Why is this text set out this way? How does that help you as a reader?
discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, and consider the impact on the reader	Can you find an example of figurative language on this page? Why might the author write in this way?
distinguish between statements of fact and opinion	Do you think... is a statement of fact or an opinion? How do you know?
retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts	Find the part of the text about... What does... mean?
participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously	I think that... do you agree? Why do you agree / why not? Tell me your opinion about... I don't agree. I think that... In my opinion...
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	Over the holidays, I would like you to plan a presentation for me on... Can you explain to me why... is the best snack? I think... is. Let's debate it. Can you think of three reasons why...?
provide reasoned justification for their views	Why do you think that? What evidence supports that idea?