

Reading

The children follow a reading carousel where each day they are given a different activity to follow. The whole class focuses on one book and the purpose of reciprocal reading is to develop different comprehension skills and to promote a sense of autonomy.

Timetable

Monday	Prepare Whole class reads a chapter/extract together and discusses what it is about; clarifying unfamiliar vocabulary as they go along. Each table chooses a role which they will carry out the following day.
Tuesday	Discussion Each table follows through with discussion, using the role they picked yesterday e.g. clarifier, summariser, questioner, predictor
Wednesday	Whole class comprehension - Nelson Teacher to read through the text with the children and model how to answer a few questions. Children to go through answering from Section 3 first and work backwards. They may need to spend 2 weeks per comprehension task to ensure they have exposure to all the question types
Thursday	Whole class comprehension answers - Nelson Go through the answers as a whole class to cover any misconceptions.
Friday	Independent reading Time for children to independently read, write book reviews, choose new books and update their reading records.

Session 1 - Prepare

The children are given a required number of pages or chapters to read. They are given roles to follow for that session which include boss, summariser, questioner, clarifier and predictor. Once they have read, they go on to prepare for the discussion with the class teacher on the following day.

The Boss

You are the organiser.
Assign your group jobs.
Remind everyone what their role is.
Introduce the text.
Does anyone need help or encouragement?



Look!
Is everyone joining in?


Remember:
Be fair, let everyone speak but keep pace.

Session 2: Discussion

The children have an in depth discussion about the text that was read on the previous day. This is held in groups and is led by the child who was given the 'boss' card and the class teacher facilitates the session, giving full autonomy to the children.

The Summariser

Retell what you have read in your own words.
The main idea. The problem was.
The story takes place in. This lead to.
The main characters. The resolution was first, then, next, last.




Clues:
Important information only

Remember:
Keep to the facts
Keep it short

The Questioner

Ask questions about the text.
Why did the character...?
How was the character feeling?
Who is...? When...? Who...?
What if...? Where...? Will...?




Look for clues:
What will help the others understand?

Remember:
What clues does the author / illustrator use?

The Clarifier

There is a word I cannot read.
I do not understand this sentence.
I am confused by this part.
Share clues - others may have missed them.
Do you know of another situation like this?



Look for clues:
What helped you understand?

Remember:
Look for commas - you may get more information.
Look for roots or words with a suffix or prefix.

The Predictor

I think...
I predict...
I imagine...
I suppose...
I wonder if...



Look for clues:
title
illustrations

Remember:
You can change your mind as you go.

Session 3 and 4: Comprehension

In order to develop comprehension further, all children read a short extract and answer questions based on it. These questions range from retrieving, inferring, interpreting and evaluating.



Session 5: Independent Reading

It is very important for us as a school that we children have time to read. This session is an opportunity for children to read a book of their choice and for us to feed their love of learning. In this session, we encourage children to check their reading targets, complete book reviews and fill in their reading records.