Year 3-4 Reading Overview

As taken from the National Curriculum	In summarised form
• apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud	Read aloud and understand words based on knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes
• read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word	Read further exception words, including those with unusual spelling/sound links
• retelling some of these (fairy tales, traditional tales, etc.) orally	Retell some fairy tales or traditional tales orally
• identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books	Identify themes and conventions in a range of books
• preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action	Perform plays and poetry aloud using intonation, tone, volume and action
• recognising some different forms of poetry	Recognise some different forms of poetry
• using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	Use dictionaries to check the meanings of words
• checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context	Check that a text makes sense, including explaining the meaning of words in context
• identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these	Identify and summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph
• drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions	Draw inferences about feelings thoughts and motives
• justify inferences with evidence	Use evidence to justify inferences
• discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination	Discuss words and phrases which capture the reader's interest
• identifying how language contributes to meaning	Identify how language contributes to meaning
• identifying how structure and presentation contribute to meaning	Identify how structure and presentation contribute to meaning
• retrieve and record information from non-fiction	Retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts