Questions to consider

Can the child gain meaning from the text by:

- > Reading words on sight, e.g. familiar common words, some content words?
- Making use of phonic strategies, e.g. consonant blends, word initial/word final: long vowels: polysyllabic words?
- > Using sentence and whole text knowledge e.g. by self-correcting. substitute words that make grammatical or contextual sense.
- Showing awareness of punctuation marks in reading, e.g. pausing at full stops?

Can the child:

- > Recall the main ideas of a story or information text?
- Identify how characters behave, e.g. repeated actions and savings?
- > Connect words and illustrations, e.g. what additional information does the illustration add?
- Say what they have found out by reading the book?
- Retrieve relevant information from different paragraphs or sections of the text?

Can the child:

- > Use knowledge of a story so far to make predictions about what will happen next?
- > Connect information together to draw out implied meanings?
- Distinguish between more and less important items of information?
- Use clues from what characters do and say to explain their motives?

Can the child:

- > Make use of book conventions and organisational devices to focus their reading, e.g. index, glossary?
- Trace how ideas link and how the writer signals changes and connections?
- Participate in group discussion of how to find information on screen?

Questions to consider

Can the child:

- > Comment on the effect of specific words and how they convey meaning, e.g. ideas, characters, atmosphere?
- Discuss language patterns and how they contribute to the meaning, e.g. refrains, rhymes or repetition?

Can the child:

- Respond to the text overall and say what they liked/disliked about it?
- !dentify the main purpose of the text, using evidence from what they have read?

Can the child:

- Identify the traditional characters and settings in fiction?
- Relate the text to others, e.g. by a similar type, by the same author, in a series?



