

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading has a high profile at Hasland Infant School, we recognize the value of being able to read and throughout nursery and school, we aim to develop each child's ability to read and understand what they have read. We foster a love of reading through the many books we share with the children. By the time the children leave our school we want them to be confident readers who choose to read for pleasure and show understanding about what they have read. At Hasland Infant School children are taught the skills of reading (outlined in the National Curriculum and the KS1 test domains) through our Sounds Write phonics sessions and the use of VIPERS. These reading skills are taught and practised during individual reading, group guided reading and whole class reading sessions

VIPERS are different question types that focus on different skills and will help to give your child a deeper understanding of what they have read.

The reading VIPERS are:

V- Vocabulary

Use knowledge of vocabulary to understand what has been read.

I- Inference

Information that is suggested but not said in the text. The 'hidden' meaning.

P- Prediction

Make a sensible guess about what might happen based on what has already happened in the text.

E- Explain

Explain your ideas, thoughts, knowledge and feelings about the text.

R- Retrieval

Locate and retrieve information from the text to answer questions.

S- Sequence

Sum up the key points in the text or sequence the events in the story.

Each time we read with your children we will ask them VIPERS questions to develop and check their understanding. To support you with this at home we will give each child a bookmark with some example questions for each of the VIPERS.

Each time you read with your child please ask them questions about what they have read to support their comprehension development. You might choose to focus on one VIPER strand, for example vocabulary, and only ask questions linked to that VIPER, or you may choose to ask questions from more than one VIPER strand. You do not have to use all of the VIPERS each time you read.

Thank you for your continued support.