KS3 Literacy descriptors of success

Year/Progress thresholds KS3	Descriptors of success KS3			
	Comprehension of information texts.	Information Analysis	SPaG	Reading Habits
	I am able to	I am able to…	I am able to	I am able to
Excelling	 Activate prior knowledge to draw connections between concepts and themes. Identify gaps in knowledge and create questions for further learning. Predict and hypothesise an outcome Question a text and author academically Summarise and paraphrase a text Highlight relevant and useful information and understand how to use it to answer a question 	 Understand and interpret complex questions by breaking them down into smaller topics/themes. Predict what information I will need to plan and answer a question. Understand and interpret how high-quality and low-quality texts are used in context. Understand how facts and opinions are being used in a text, and how facts can be presented as accurate/inaccurate. 	 Understand and consistently use correct sentence structures. Confidently use the correct vocabulary that is relevant to a question, and show evidence of expanded vocabulary - both verbally and written. Consistently use the correct punctuation. Proofread my work and ensure all words are spelt 	 Understand and interpret aspects of plot, setting, character and themes. Explore more than three different genres and a large selection of non-fiction texts Interpret the organisational, structural and literary patterns of a genre. Understand and apply reading habits. Consistently read books within my book level.

	Express a compelling claim/answer using factual evidence.	 Understand the different ways that information can be organised to draw meaning and present it in my work. Draw my own conclusions and construct arguments Understand and demonstrate the importance of academic integrity through the correct use of citations and bibliography. 	correctly.	
Proficient	 Confidently recall information and activate prior knowledge Identify gaps in knowledge Predict and hypothesise an outcome Academically question a text Summarise and paraphrase texts Highlight key points and understand how to use them to answer a question. 	 Understand with insight a complex question by breaking it down into smaller manageable parts. Understand and demonstrate that I will need different sources to answer a question. Understand with insight the criteria of high/low-quality texts. Understand the difference between fact and opinion, and what makes a fact valid or invalid. Understand with insight 	 Understand and apply different correct sentence structures most of the time. Frequently use the correct vocabulary that is relevant to a question - both verbally and written. Understand the different uses of punctuation and use the relevant punctuation throughout most of my work. 	 Understand with insight aspects of the plot, characters and themes. Read three or more different genres and a selection of non-fiction texts. Understand with insight the structural and literary patterns of genres. Consistently reading books within their book level Understand and make a good attempt at displaying reading habits.

	Express a claim using factual evidence.	 different ways that information can be organised to draw meaning. Re-organise information in a pattern that best displays an answer. Understand and demonstrate the importance of academic integrity through the correct use of citations and bibliography. 	Proofread my work and make great effort to spell all words correctly.	
Secure	 Activate prior knowledge confidently Predict the outcome of a text Identify and express gaps in knowledge Question what I am reading Summarise and paraphrase key points to present a claim. 	 State what I know about a question Determine which texts will help me answer a question. State what makes an information text high or low quality. Differentiate between fact and opinion and a valid/invalid fact. State different organisational patterns and re-organise texts to match a pattern. Understand and demonstrate the importance of academic integrity 	 Understand different sentence structures and apply most of them to my work. Refer to any new vocabulary that has been taught and use a number of relevant vocabulary in my work - both verbally and written. Understand what different punctuation does to a sentence and make good effort to present most 	 Understand aspects of the plot, character, setting, and some themes. Read two or more different genres and a selection of non-fiction texts Understand that there are different structural/organisation patterns. Demonstrate understanding of genres by pointing out literary patterns. Consistently reading texts within their book level.

		through the correct use of citations and bibliography.	 punctuation, where relevant, in my work. Proofread my work and make a good effort to spell all words correctly. 	Understand reading habits.
Developing	 Activate prior knowledge Predict the outcome of a text Identify gaps in learning Summarise an information text Highlight keywords and phrases that will help answer my question Paraphrase key points 	 State what I know about a question/problem and predict what the answer might be. State the difference between high and low-quality texts. Tell the difference between fact and opinion State what makes a fact valid/invalid. Point out different ways to organise information. Re-organise information to make sense. Understand academic integrity through the use of citations and writing a bibliography. 	 Identify different sentence structures and consider how they might be useful for your work. Refer to any new vocabulary that has been taught and be able to define most of them. Understand what different punctuation does to a sentence and make considerable effort to punctuate correctly. Proofread my work and make a good effort to identify any misspelt words. 	 Identify aspects of a plot, character, setting and theme. Identify different organisation/literary patterns of a genre. Identify reading habits.

Emerging	 Relate to the information text and state some things I already know Identify gaps in learning Highlight keywords Summarise an information text. 	 State what is known about a question/problem Tell the difference between fact and opinion Point out different ways to organise information. Define plagiarism, citation, and bibliography and understand why other people's work needs to be cited. 	 Identify different sentence structures and when I might use them. Write down vocabulary I may not understand and find the definition. Understand what different punctuation does to a sentence. Proofread my work and make some effort to identify any misspelt words. 	 Retell the plot and details of the character and setting. Express different genres and their favourite genre. State some reading habits and express some of their own.
Foundation	 Connect to the information text Highlight the most frequent words. Retell what is happening in some of the information text. 	 Retell a question/problem in my own words. Differentiate between fact and opinion State some ways that texts can be organised. Define plagiarism, citation and bibliography. 	 Identify different sentence structures. Write down vocabulary I may not understand. Identify different punctuation. Proofread my work and correct any misspelt words that are pointed out to me. 	 Retell the main parts of the plot, and describe the character and setting. Express different genres. Express a reading habit.