## **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	<ul> <li>examine my own ideas about the topic and decide which ones are based on what I already know and which ones I need to check.</li> <li>use what I already know, and background information to make predictions about what I will find and how it connects to other topics.</li> <li>ask good questions about a topic to guide my research and create more questions that lead to detailed,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ refine and create new questions that guide to detailed and diverse information about a topic.</li> <li>□ evaluate information from different sources based on how relevant, accurate, and useful they are.</li> <li>□ evaluate digital information to see if it is credible, accurate, or biased.</li> <li>□ recognize and analyse the difference between facts, opinions, and different points of view.</li> <li>□ organise information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Understand and consistently use correct sentence structures.</li> <li>□ Confidently use the correct vocabulary that is relevant to a question, and show evidence of expanded vocabulary - both verbally and written.</li> <li>□ Consistently use the correct punctuation.</li> <li>□ Proofread my work and ensure all words are spelt</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Understand and interpret aspects of plot, setting, character and themes.</li> <li>□ Explore more than three different genres and a large selection of non-fiction texts</li> <li>□ Interpret the organisational, structural and literary patterns of a genre.</li> <li>□ Understand and apply reading habits.</li> <li>□ Consistently read books within my book level.</li> </ul>

	complex information.  recognise and challenge the text and author to understand both the clear and hidden meanings.  summarise the main ideas of a text and explain how they connect to the supporting details.  highlight key parts of the text, such as quotes and inferred information, and understand how to use them to answer questions.	clearly, based on the relationships between ideas and patterns found.  present clear conclusions supported by evidence and examples.  use reasoning and evidence to develop multiple arguments, opinions, or conclusions that fit the purpose of the inquiry.  cite all sources in the correct format.	correctly.	
Proficient	<ul> <li>examine my own ideas about a topic and recall how it connects to other topics and themes.</li> <li>find gaps or misunderstandings in what I already know about the topic and create questions to fill those gaps.</li> <li>develop a possible</li> </ul>	□ refine questions to guide research and find the information needed. □ evaluate and select evidence from different sources, based on how relevant and accurate they are. □ evaluate digital information for its credibility, accuracy, and bias, and assess	□ 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	<ul> <li>□ Understand with insight aspects of the plot, characters and themes.</li> <li>□ Read three or more different genres and a selection of non-fiction texts.</li> <li>□ Understand with insight the structural and literary patterns of genres.</li> <li>□ Consistently reading</li> </ul>

	answer (thesis) that I will check as I research.  predict different possible answers to my research questions.  ask questions and challenge the text and author to ensure I understand the meaning and accuracy of the information.  summarise the main ideas in the text and show how they connect to supporting details.  reflect on the text, including asking questions, giving my opinions, and checking information with other sources.  highlight key parts of the text, like quotes and inferred information, and make a good attempt at finding patterns in the text.	how these factors affect the outcome of the text.  recognize the difference between facts, opinions, and points of view, and analyse their impact on the information.  organise and reorganise information to clearly structure main ideas and evidence.  draw clear conclusions that are supported by evidence.  develop and present one strong argument or opinion that fits the purpose of the inquiry.  cite most sources in the correct format.	different uses of punctuation and use the relevant punctuation throughout most of my work.  Proofread my work and make great effort to spell all words correctly.	books within their book level  Understand and make a good attempt at displaying reading habits.
Secure	recall connections with other topics to help me	refine questions to guide the search for	☐ Understand different sentence	Understand aspects of the plot, character,

understand new information.  create or understand a thesis (main idea) based on what I already know and think may need to be checked during my research.	different types of information (e.g., big ideas, details, cause and effect).  evaluate the quality of information based on its usefulness, accuracy, and point of view.	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	setting, and some themes.  Read two or more different genres and a selection of non-fiction texts  Understand that there are different structural/organisation
predict possible answers and perspectives I will find in the research.	evaluate digital information for accuracy, authority, and bias.	verbally and written.  Understand what different	patterns.  Demonstrate understanding of genres by pointing out
identify and express gaps in what I know and use that to create questions for further learning.	tell the difference between facts, opinions, and reasoned judgments in a source, and back them up with	punctuation does to a sentence and make good effort to present most punctuation, where	literary patterns.  Consistently reading texts within their book level.  Understand reading
challenge the text to make sure I understand both the clear and hidden meanings.	research.  organise information to develop an overall understanding of the topic.	relevant, in my work.  Proofread my work and make a good effort to spell all	habits.
summarise and paraphrase the main ideas and explain how they connect to	explain the topic clearly, with a main idea, supporting details, and a conclusion.	words correctly.	
supporting details.  reflect on what I read, including asking questions, giving my opinions, and explaining why it is important to my answer.	☐ form opinions and judgments that are supported by evidence and clear reasoning. ☐ understand and demonstrate the importance of academic integrity by		

	highlight key words, phrases, and quotes that will help answer my questions.	correctly citing sources.		
Developing	make personal connections with the information and recall how it connects to other topics I know about.  state the thesis in my own words and suggest topics that might need more research.  predict answers or what might happen in the text.  identify some gaps in my learning and understanding of the topic.  ask questions to ensure I understand both the clear and hidden meanings of a text.  summarise and paraphrase the major ideas or themes of a text.  highlight key words, phrases, or quotes that	refine questions to understand different types of information (e.g., themes, causes, and effects) and highlight what's most important.  tell the difference between high- and low-quality information based on its usefulness, accuracy, and point of view.  evaluate digital information for accuracy, bias, and perspective.  tell the difference between facts, opinions, and judgments in a source.  organise information into a clear structure.  explain a topic with a main idea and supporting details.  form an opinion on the topic and back it up with evidence.	□ 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.

	will help answer my questions.  reflect on the information I gather by asking questions and sharing my own opinions.	understand and demonstrate the importance of using a bibliography and citations correctly.		
Emerging	state some things I already know about the topic.  restate the question/s in my own words to help me understand the question and suggest a topic to investigate.  predict an answer and make connections to the text.  ask questions about the text and find inferences based on both clear and hidden meanings.  identify gaps in my knowledge and turn them into questions.  highlight key words in a text that will help me answer the question/s.	refine the question by matching it to the right framework (e.g., cause and effect, historical). explain what makes information high-quality or low-quality using terms like accuracy and bias. tell the difference between facts and opinions in a source. organise information into headings and main topics. explain a topic with a main idea and some details. form an opinion and support it with evidence. list sources in a bibliography.	□ 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.	<ul> <li>□ Retell the plot and details of the character and setting.</li> <li>□ Express different genres and their favourite genre.</li> <li>□ State some reading habits and express some of their own.</li> </ul>

	summarise and paraphrase the main idea and explain how the main idea is different from supporting details. capture my own ideas about the text as I read.			
Foundation	make a connection with the information in the text. restate the question in my own words to make sure I understand it. make predictions about the text based on connections I have made. express gaps in what I know about the topic. Highlight words that will help answer the questions I have. retell the main idea of a text in my own words. capture my own ideas about the text and question what I read.	state different types of questions (e.g., cause and effect, debate).  list what makes information high-quality or low-quality using terms like usefulness and bias.  give examples of facts and opinions in a source.  organize information and explain the topic with some detail.  retell others' opinions on the topic.  list sources and attempt to copy and paste relevant links into work.	☐ 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.	<ul> <li>□ Retell the main parts of the plot, and describe the character and setting.</li> <li>□ Express different genres.</li> <li>□ Express a reading habit.</li> </ul>