Year 1 question stems for comprehension

	Key Reading Skills	Suggested question stems for whole class reading
Year 1 - Vocabulary	• discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known • draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text • join in with predictable phrases • use vocabulary given by the teacher • discuss his/her favourite words and phrases	• What does the word .... mean in this sentence? • Find and copy a word which means .... • Which word in do you think is the most important? Why? • Which of the words best describes the character or setting? • Which word in this part do you think is the most important? • Why do you think they repeat this word in the story?
Year 1 Inference	• children make basic inferences about characters' feelings by using what they say as evidence. • infer basic points with direct reference to the pictures and words in the text • discuss the significance of the title and events • demonstrate simple inference from the text based on what is said and done	• What do you think......means? • Why do you think that? • How do you think. ..? • When do you think. ..? • Where do you think. ? • How does ...... make you feel? • Why did .... happen?
Year 1 Prediction	• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far in terms of story, character and plot • make simple predictions based on the story and on their own life experience. • begin to explain these ideas verbally or though pictures.	• Looking at the cover and the title, what do you think this book is about? • Where do you think....will go next? • What do you think.. will say / do next? • What do you think this book will be about? Why? • How do you think that this will end? • Who do you think that has done it? • What might....say about that? • Can you draw what might happen next?
Year 1 Explaining	• give my opinion including likes and dislikes (not nc objective). • link what they read or hear to their own experiences • explain clearly my understanding of what has been read to them • express views about events or characters	• Is there anything you would change about this story? • What do you like about this text? • Who is your favourite character? Why?
Year 1 Retrieval	• answer a question about what has just happened in a story. • develop their knowledge of retrieval through images. • recognise characters, events, titles and information. • recognise differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. • retrieve information by finding a few key words. • Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion	• Who is your favourite character? • Why do you think all the main characters are .. in this book? • Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not? • Who is/are the main character(s)? • When/where is this story set? • Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story? • Is this a fiction or a non-fiction book? How do you know?
Year 1 Sequence	• retell familiar stories orally e.g fairy stories and traditional tales • sequence the events of a story they are familiar with • begin to discuss how events are linked	• What happens in the beginning of the story? • Can you number these events in the story? • How/where does the story start? • What happened at the end of the...? • Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less? • What happened before that? • Can you sequence the key moments in this story?