VIPERS READING QUESTION PROMPTS

	YEAR 6	
V	VOCABULARY	• What does this word/phrase tell you about the character/setting/mood? • What effect has the author created? • Can you find examples of simile, metaphor or personification* in the text? • Why has the text been organised in this way? • What other words or phrases could the author have used here?
I	INFERENCE	• What do you think … means? • I think… do you agree? Why/why not? • Why do you think the author decided to..? • Can you explain why..? • Why do you think the author chose this word/phrase? • What does this word/phrase suggest about ..?
P	PREDICTION	• Can you think of another story with a similar theme? • Which stories have openings like this? • How might the setting influence what happens in the story? • Can you suggest what might happen next using evidence from the text?
E	EXPLAINING	• What is similar/different about the characters? • Explain why … did that. • Does this story have a moral? • Is it fact or opinion? How do you know? • How does the author make you feel at this point in the story? How has the author achieved this? • Explain characters' actions or reactions to an event.
R	RETRIEVAL	• Find the … in the text. • Skim the text for the word … • When/where is the story set? Find evidence in the text. • Find words/phrases to describe the setting. • Who is telling the story? How do you know? • What genre is the text?
S	SUMMARISE	• What is the main point of the text? • Sum up what has happened so far in …. words/ seconds/ sentences. • Can you read the text and summarise what has happened? • Which is the most important part in these paragraphs? Why? • Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

*Simile: comparison between images - as cold as ice / warm like a wooly jumper
Metaphor: direct comparison - the test was a killer / her eyes were diamonds
Personification: giving human characteristics to something non-human - the flowers danced in the breeze