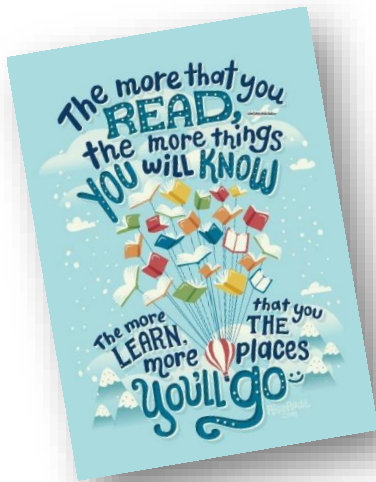


Reading VIPERS



At Crossflatts, we use reading VIPERS to practise the skills of reading comprehension (understanding what we are reading). These skills are:

- **Vocabulary** (understand the words that the author has used)
- **Infer** (work out what is happening in the text by using the clues)
- **Predict** (work out what is going to happen next)
- **Explain** (talk about what is happening and why)
- **Retrieve** (find information in the text)
- **Summarise/ Sequence** (work out the order of events and the overall idea of a text)

To be **great readers**, our children need to be able to work out what the words say (**decoding**) but they also need to understand what is happening in a text (**comprehension**). It is a **combination of these skills** that help them to gain meaning from the letters that they see on a page.

Using the bookmark, children and parents can **practise** these comprehension skills at home too. When reading at home, the bookmark can be used to ask **VIPERS** questions. This will give the children even more chance to practise their reading skills and will help them on their way to becoming **amazing, independent readers**.

