KS2 Reading Diaries - Possible Questions to Discuss

Vocabulary	Explain
What do the word(s)...suggest about the character, setting and mood? Which word(s) tells you that....? Find a word/phrase in the text which shows that... Find the word that is closest in meaning to... Find a synonym for...	Why is the text arranged in this way? What structures has the author used? What is the purpose of this text feature? Is the use of ... effective? How does the mood of the character change throughout the text? How do you know? What is the author's point of view? What affect does .... have on the reader? How does the author engage the reader here? Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? How are these sections linked?

Inference	Retrieve
How do these words make the reader feel? Why did the character behave like this? How do the descriptions of ...... show that they are ...? How can you tell that...? What impression of ... do you get from these paragraphs? What was ... thinking when ...?	How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know? How did...? How often...? How ... is ...? Who had...? Who is...? Who did....? What happened to...? What does ... do? Where did ... go? What can you learn about ... from this section? Give one example of... The story is told from whose perspective? Where does the story take place? Who are the key characters? Which paragraph tells us...?

Prediction	Summarise
From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? What makes you think this? Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops? Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Why? Do you think the character will change their behaviour/mood/feelings in the future?	Can you recall the key events in chronological order? What was the first thing that happened in the story? Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story? What is the main theme/argument/message? Which is the most important message? What sticks in your mind most about...?