

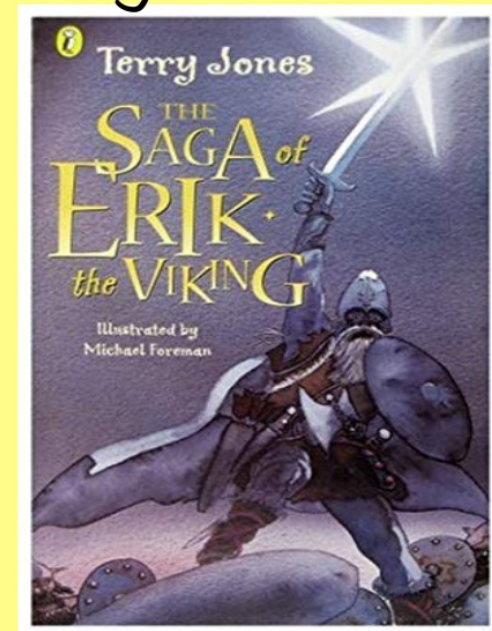
## The Saga of Eric the Viking - Week 3

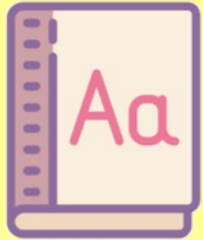
Lesson 1: Prediction and vocab

Lesson 2: Retrieval and explain

Lesson 3: Inference and Summary

Lesson 4: Exploring Text





Vocabulary



Explain



Inference



Retrieve



Predict



Summarise

Today's guided reading we will begin to look at different types of text. please find this page on the School website and complete the questions on the guided reading slides.

## Garden Birds

### Why do Birds Matter?

- They help plant life by scattering seeds. This means that seeds get to travel to different places and grow in other places.
- They control insect growth. Many birds eat insects. Without birds eating them, there would be a dangerously high number of insects.



- Birds, like magpies and crows, eat dead animals. This gets rid of the rotting animals which could cause diseases.

### Numbers of Common Garden Birds

There has been a big drop in the number of starlings. The reason could be that farming has made it more difficult for them to find their favourite food – the crane fly larvae.

The number of house sparrows has also dropped. This could be because of cats, or air pollution due to more cars being used. Fortunately, last year, there was an increase in house sparrows reported through an RSPB survey.

There has also been an increase in less well-known birds, like fieldfares. One reason for seeing more fieldfares in gardens seems to be the cold weather that has made them leave the countryside and look for food in gardens.



### RSPB

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - a charity that protects British birds.

### Migration

Some birds migrate from the UK during the winter months and return when the weather becomes warmer.

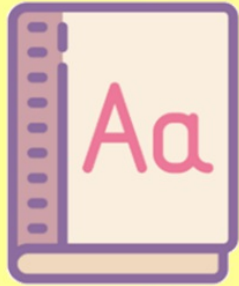


- Swifts and swallows migrate to Africa.
- They can fly 200 miles every day.
- Many die from starvation, exhaustion and storms.



At the beginning of 2016, there were more sightings of long-tailed tits and goldcrests. A warmer winter meant more of these tiny birds survived.

## Different Text to analyse:



What is another word for protection?



What does RSBP mean?



Why would birds need support from charities?



What dangers are there for birds?



Do birds need protection in the future?



Why is birds eating insects important to the ecosystem?