

Fluency is the ability to read with Expression, Automatic Word Recognition, Rhythm and Phrasing and Smoothness (EARS) (Rasinski, 2018).



### **E - Expression**

### **A - Accuracy / Automatic Word Recognition**

### **R - Rhythm and Phrasing**

### **S - Smoothness**

Reading with expression:

- ✓ I show emotion in my voice - excited, happy, cross, sad
- ✓ I change my volume – loud, soft
- ✓ I match my voice to the characters
- ✓ I emphasise important words
- ✓ I look for the punctuation - **raise my voice** for a question, take a **pause** at a comma, **raise my voice** showing excitement for an exclamation mark, **stop** at a full stop

Reading with accuracy / automatic word recognition:

- ✓ I read words automatically on sight
- ✓ I read accurately

Reading with rhythm and phrasing:

- ✓ I read in phrases, chunks and sentences
- ✓ I can pause at punctuation consistently and accurately
- ✓ I can pay attention to my intonation
- ✓ I read at the right pace

Reading with smoothness:

- ✓ I can read smoothly by grouping words together into meaningful phrases
- ✓ I have accurate word recognition
- ✓ I can easily self-correct

