34A and 34B Students practicing their summarizing skills.

This term all staff members have been taking part in professional development, focused on how we could be more effective teachers of reading. This has been led by Lisa Keskinen.

One of the discussions was on how to improve students’ summarizing skills. In these photos 34A and 34B students were working on one of the suggested activities in their reading time. First, the students read a picture fiction book. Then they were asked to write down the ten key words from the book. Following this, they passed the piece of paper with the words on it to another pair of students, who had to retell the story from the words. The students then read the book, and commented on whether the choice of words were relevant.