



Questions to ask your child when reading:

Before reading a new book:

- Why did you choose this book?
- Who is the author?
- Have you read any other books by this author?
- Who is the illustrator/publisher?
- Is the book fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?
- What do you notice on the front cover?
- Shall we read the blurb together?
- What do you think might happen in this book? Why?

Before continuing the same book:

- Where in the book did we get up to?
- What's happened in the book so far?
- Can you summarise what you've read so far?
- What do you think might happen next? Why?
- What did the word mean?

Whilst reading:

- Who are the main characters?
- What sort of character is . . . ? Are they cruel/kind/sneaky?
- What impression do you get of this character? Why?
- Where is the story set?
- What happened on this page?
- Can you summarise what just happened?
- How do you think this character feels? Why?
- How would you feel if you were this character?
- What does the word . . . mean? How do you know?
- What do you think might happen on the next page/in the next chapter? Why?
- Why is this word written in **bold**/*italics*?
- What do you think the author is trying to show us here?
- Does this remind you of anyone/anything? Why?

After reading:

- Did you enjoy the part we read today? Why?
- What happened in the part we read today?
- Can you summarise what happened in our reading today?
- What was your favourite part of what we just read?
- Were there any words/phrases you really liked? Why?
- Has your opinion changed of any characters?
- Did anything happen that you weren't expecting? Why?
- Who would you recommend this book to? Why?
- What do you think might happen next?