

Questions to ask your child when they are reading.

At the beginning of the book:

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What might happen in the story?
- Make a prediction about the story using what you have read to help you.
- What genre will this story be? E.g. fantasy, horror, sci-fi – How do you know? What evidence is there to support this?
- What do we call the writing at the back of the book? Or What does the blurb tell us?

During reading the book:

- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen? Why?
- What might happen next? Is there any evidence to support your view?
- Do you still agree with your prediction from earlier? Why?
- Who is your favourite/least favourite character? Why?
- Find two sentences which describe the setting.
- Describe the atmosphere that is being set using words from the text. Or How does the author set an atmosphere of suspense?
- Why is the text set out in this way? Talk about the presentation or structure on the page.
- Why has the author picked this word instead of another?
- Summarise what they have read so far.
- What does this word mean?
- How is the character feeling? How do you know? Why are they feeling this way?
- Why did the character act in that way? Or What do their actions tell us about them?
- What is the main idea? What details support this?
- Make comparisons between two of the characters using facts from the text.
- Who is the audience for this book? What is the purpose?
- Is there a theme in this book? E.g. historical, cultural. Can you find evidence of this? Or Explain how you know.

At the end of the book:

- Which part of the story was your favourite/least favourite?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why?
- Did this book remind you of any others? Why?
- Would you change any of the characters? Why? How?
- Would you change any parts of the story? Why? How?
- Would you like to read another book by this author? Why?
- Does your opinion of this character change throughout the book? How? Why? Try and use evidence from the text for this.
- If you met one of the characters in the story what would you say to them?

The most important thing is to discuss the book and ask children to find the evidence that supports their opinion!