

Questions to ask your child when reading:

When looking at the front cover and reading the blurb:

- What do you think this book is likely to be about?
- Do you think it is fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?

When reading a non-fiction book:

- Can you use the contents page to find a section about..?
- Can you use the glossary to find the definition of..?

When reading:

- Discuss the meaning of words.
- Do you know any other words that mean the same or similar?
- Do you know any words that mean the opposite?
- Why do you think the author has chosen to use that word? How does it make the reader feel?
- Can you use the word in your own sentence?
- What have you learned so far?
- What have you found the most interesting?
- Can you retell the story so far in your own words?
- Can you make a prediction? What might happen next? How do you know?
- What do you think the character might do or say? What would you do or say?
- How would you describe the character?
- How do you think the character is feeling? Why?
- How has the character changed throughout the story?
- How would you describe the setting?

Top Tips:

It is important for your child to have time during the week to read to you, read with you and listen to you read aloud.

Try to pick a time that suits your child best. Some children prefer to read in the morning, others like to read as soon as they get home from school and some like to read every night before bed.

It is important to make reading a pleasurable experience for you and your child. We want the children to understand that it is a purposeful but also enjoyable activity. One way to promote a love of reading is by your child seeing you read for pleasure or discuss a book that you have enjoyed reading.

Re-reading books that children are familiar with can be very beneficial in boosting children's fluency, confidence and self-esteem.

