

The following questions will give you some ideas about what to speak to your children about.

Questions to ask before you read...

- What is the title of the book?
- What kind of book is it? (Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short story, etc)
- Who is the author/illustrator?
- Have you read any other books by the same author?
- What made you choose this book? (Author, cover, illustration, recommendation, etc)
- Could you tell anything about the book before you started reading it? What were the clues?

Questions to ask before your child begins or resumes their book...

- What has happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next? What are the clues that make you think this?
- How would you like the story to end?
- Why do you think the author has chosen that description (or word)?
- Do we get to know the characters quickly or do they build up slowly through the story?
- Are you interested in the story? Why?
- Who are the characters in the story? Who do you like/dislike them? Why?
- How do you feel about.....? Why? What words give you that impression?
- Can you explain why.....?
- What does this tell you about whatwas thinking?
- What do you think is thinking? If it were you what would you do?

Questions to ask when your child has finished their book...

- Was there anything you liked/disliked about the story?

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- At what point did you decide you liked/disliked the story?
- Did you notice anything special about the way language is used in this book? (dialect, descriptive writing, word choices etc)
- If you had written this book, how would you have improved it?
- Has anything that happens in this book ever happened to you?
- Can you describe an exciting moment or favourite part of the story?
- Is the story straightforward? Is there more than one story happening at the same time?
- Who was telling the story?
- Was the ending as you expected? Did you like the way the story ended?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends? Tell me what you would say to a friend?

Advice if getting your child to read becomes challenging

We would like all children to enjoy reading rather than see it as an effort or hard work, but we know that isn't always easy.

Share reading activities and interact with the text together. Read a sentence or a page each.

Offer alternative reading material, e.g. magazines, non-fiction books, comics, blogs, etc... .

Encourage reading at different times of the day or week .

Share the problem with your child's teacher, we are here to help!

Useful websites on children's books

<https://www.ReadingZone.com>

<https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/key-stage-book-lists>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads>

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