



Reading at Home



What can you ask your child?

EYFS and KS1

When your child reads at home, asking them questions about what they have read will help you to check their understanding and share their enjoyment. In the table below the coloured boxes show the important reading skills we teach in school. The questions are examples of what we may ask and what you might ask at home to develop your child's understanding of what they have read.

WORD READING

Use knowledge of vocabulary/ words to understand texts

- Do you see a tricky word?
- Check the picture to help you.
- What would make sense / sound right?
- Is it like a word you already know?
- Sound out the word (use your phonics).

COMPREHENSION

Find and retrieve information and details from fiction and non-fiction (including facts, information about characters and events)

FICTION

- Where and when does the story take place?
- Where did they live?
- Who are the main characters?

NON-FICTION

- Why have some words been put in bold? Italics?
- What is the contents page and index used for?

Sequence events in a text

- Describe what happened in the beginning / middle / end?
- Can you tell me what happens in the story using: **first, next, then, after that and finally?** (Try to summarise using one sentence for each part of the story)

Hunt for clues in a text to work out how someone might be feeling or why something is happening

- Why do you think _____ say/does _____?
- How does _____ feel when _____?
- Why does _____ feel / think this way?
- How do you know? (Use the pictures and words used to describe)
- Has anything similar to this happened to you?
- If you could talk to _____, what would you say?

Predict what might happen next

- What do you think this story is going to be about? (Looking at the front cover only)
- What do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think this?

Enjoying books together

- Did you enjoy this story? Why?
- Does this book remind you of any other books? Why?
- Do you have any questions about this book?
- What was your favourite part? Why?