Supporting and developing your child’s reading skills and love of books

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child’s reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read together. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate.

They will help to explore and strengthen your child’s understanding and confidence with a variety of texts and techniques. Happy Reading !!

**Questions to ask before you read**

Can you look at the cover or pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?

What makes you think that?

What characters do you think might be in our story?

Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?

Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

**Questions to ask during the reading**

What do you think will happen next?

What can you tell me about the story so far?

Can you predict how the story will end?

Why do you think the character did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

What would you have done if you were the character?

As I read\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it made me picture\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?

As you read, what are you wondering about?

Can you put what you’ve just read in your own words?

Why do you think the author chose to use this word / phrase / picture?

**Questions to ask after reading**

Were your predictions about the story correct?

If there was a problem, did it get solved?

What happened because of the problem?

Why do you think the author wrote this book?

What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?

What was your favourite part of the story?

If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?

Can you retell the story in order?

What is the most interesting situation or character in the story?

Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?

Why did you like or dislike this book?