

Reading with a Child

Thank you for volunteering your time to hear the children read. The purpose of this information is to guide you to the types of key questions to ask the children when they read to you. It aims to create discussion about books and for you to comment on their understanding. This is designed to make sure the child has a good comprehension of the text and is able to discuss the book enthusiastically with you.

Some questions to ask a child whilst reading together.

1. Look at the front cover. What could the book be about?
2. Who is the author? What is an illustrator? What do they do?
3. What does that word mean? Read the words around it to help you work it out
4. How can you read an unfamiliar word? Can you sound talk and then blend?
5. Who are the main characters?
6. What do you think will happen next?
7. Can you predict how the story will end?
8. How do you think the character feels? Why? How would you feel in that situation? Is the character the same as you? Who is your favourite character? How would you describe them?
9. Can you retell the story in your own words?
10. Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it about?
11. Do you like how the story ended? If you could change the story, how would you change it?

Notes - What did the children do/say/were interested in/enjoyed etc?

