

Home Reading - Parent/Carer Question Guide

Key Stage 1

Questions to ask your child when reading at home.

Before reading the book

- What type of book is this? (fiction / non-fiction)
- Can you point to the title? or What is this? (pointing to the title)
- What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story?
- What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?
- What do an author / illustrator / publisher do?

During the reading of the book

- What is happening in the pictures?
- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?
- What sort of character is....? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...?
- What does (pick a word)... mean?

At the end of the book

- Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?
- What sort of character was....?
- Why did that character do ... (give a situation/ event from the story)?
- What happened in the story?
- Can you come up with an alternative ending to your book?
- Can you think of another book you have read that is like this one? What makes them similar? How are they different?

Please write any comment or questions your child's Reading Record.
Happy Reading!