

## Reading with your child



When you are reading with your child, or after they have been reading independently, it would help your child's progress to ask and discuss some of these questions. Sometimes you may need to ask them to go back and have another look, this is very good practice for them.

*Before they start or when they have started a new book:*

- Why did you choose this book? (Pictures, blurb, read something by this author before, recommended, had a look inside, is the type of book they normally read).
- What sort of book do you think this is going to be? What do you think it's going to be about?

*While they are reading the book:*

- What has just happened? Explain a specific part of the story.
- Who are the main characters? What are they like? Do you think you would like them? Why or why not?
- What is your favourite bit so far? Why?
- What do you think might happen next? Why do you think that?
- How do you think the main character is feeling here?
- Why do you think this character has done this?
- Are you interested in reading the rest of the book? How has the author got your attention or why are you not interested?
- What kind of language does the author use? What is the effect?

*When they have finished the book:*

- Did you like the book? Why or why not?
- What was the most exciting / saddest / funniest / most interesting part? Explain why.

**Enjoy reading and talking about reading together!**