



KS2 reading prompts

Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you select this book?
- Does this book remind you of anything else you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What has happened in the story so far?
- What do you think will happen?

While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- Can you tell me what has happened so far?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- Where is the book set?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?
- Who is your most / least favourite character? Why? Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?
- Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character? How do you know?
- Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
- If you met one of the characters, what would you say to him / her?
- Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story / characters? How?
- Which part of the story was the funniest/scariest/ saddest/ happiest?
- What is the purpose of this book?
- Find three favourite words or phrases from this chapter. Can you explain why you chose them?
- Did this book make you laugh? Can you explain what was funny and why?
- What is the genre of the book: sci-fi, mystery, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror, comedy? What are the features that make you think this?
- Find two sentences which describe the setting.

After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favourite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would? Would you like to read another book by this author? Why/ why not?