

## Supporting your child in reading at home through questioning

An example of how questioning through reading at home may look.

When reading with your child, use your parental judgement to decide how many questions you might ask and of which complexity.

<u>The Stage of the reading process</u>	<u>Questions for the adult to ask</u>
Questions to ask your child before they read	<p><b>Look at the book cover/blurb – what do you think this book will be about?</b></p> <p><b>What kind of text is this?</b></p> <p><b>Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?</b></p> <p><b>What makes you think that?</b></p> <p><b>What characters do you think might be in our story?</b></p> <p><b>Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why/ why not?</b></p>
Questions to ask your child during reading	<p><b>What was the first thing that happened in the story?</b></p> <p><b>What do you think will happen next?</b></p> <p><b>What does the word ... mean in this sentence?</b></p> <p><b>What can you tell me about the story so far?</b></p> <p><b>Who did ...?</b></p> <p><b>Would you like to live in this setting? Why/Why not?</b></p> <p><b>Which of the words best describe the character/setting or mood here?</b></p> <p><b>Where did ...?</b></p> <p><b>Can you predict how the story will end?</b></p> <p><b>Why do you think the character did ...?</b></p> <p><b>How would you have felt if you were the character?</b></p> <p><b>How did ...?</b></p> <p><b>How many ...?</b></p> <p><b>As you read, what are you wondering about?</b></p> <p><b>Can you put what you have just read into your own words?</b></p> <p><b>Can you find and copy a word which means...?</b></p>
Questions to ask your child after reading	<p><b>Can you remember the title?</b></p> <p><b>In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why/Why not?</b></p> <p><b>Were your predictions about the story correct?</b></p> <p><b>If there was a problem, did it get solved?</b></p> <p><b>What is the most important message the author is making in this book?</b></p> <p><b>What was your favourite part of the story?</b></p> <p><b>Is there anything you would change about this story?</b></p> <p><b>Can you retell the story in order? Can you summarise in your own words the opening/middle/end of the story?</b></p> <p><b>Is there a character in the story like you or one that was your favourite?</b></p> <p><b>Why were they your favourite?</b></p> <p><b>Why did you like/dislike this book?</b></p> <p><b>What do you think the author intended when they said ...?</b></p> <p><b>Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?</b></p>

**Question coverage:**

Predict	Explain	Retrieve	Vocabulary	Infer	Sequence