

YEAR 1

Questions to ask when reading



- Can you show me a word/letter/ space?
- What does this word say? Can you blend the sounds together to read it?
- Can you show me how you can use your letter sounds to read this new word?
- Are there any words that you recognise?
- What sound does this letter make?
- What is the name of this letter?
- How could you work out this word?
- How did you know that word?
- Can you point to each word as we read?
- Can you use the pictures to help you understand?
- Is this like another word you know? Does it sound the same? Does it mean the same?
- Can you remember to pause at a full stop? How does this help you to understand the text?
- Can you show me where we can find out who wrote this book? Where can we find out who illustrated it?
- What is on the cover? How does the cover give us an idea of the content?
- Where would you look to find out what a technical word means?
- Is all the text written in the same font?
- How does the bigger/bold/italic/different font help the reader?
- Did you enjoy this story?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- Can you find a page you didn't like?

- Do you think this book is funny? Why?
 - What sort of books do you like?
 - Do you prefer story books or books which help you find out about things?
 - Did you learn anything from this book?
 - Is this story like any other books you have read?
 - What happened in the story?
 - What is this book about? How do you know?
 - Who do you think is telling the story?
 - Why has the author included a picture? What does it tell you?
 - What does the author mean by...?
 - Can you spot any patterns in the poem/ story?
 - Can you spot words that rhyme?
 - Can you think of another rhyming word which the author could have used?
 - What comes next? Can you join in?
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- What do you already know about this topic?
 - Have you ever been in a similar situation? What happened?
 - Did what you read make sense? Which word/s might you need to correct?
 - Why did the author choose this title?
 - Does the title help us to choose the right book to read?
 - What happened first/next/at the end?
 - What sort of characters can we find in this story?
 - What usually happens to baddies in fairy tale stories?
 - What usually happens to the good characters?
 - Why do authors include pictures? What do the pictures help us to do?
 - What do you think might happen next?
 - If....., what do you think will happen?
 - What do you think about.....?