

Here is a bank of useful questions you can ask before, during and after reading to ensure your child has understood the text they have read.



Reading For Comprehension and Enjoyment in KS1

Let's look at the front cover, what do you think this book will be about?

Does the front cover or the author remind you of any other books you have read?

How does the front cover relate to them, or their family or their experiences?

What is your favourite part of the story and why?

Who is your favourite character and why? Do they remind you of anyone?

Are you enjoying reading this book? Why?

Are there any parts of the book you don't like? Why?

What has happened in the story so far?

What do you think will happen next or at the end?

What do you think that character will do or say next?

Why do think that character has said or done that?

How is that character feeling?

If you could meet that character what questions would you like to ask him/her about what happened to him/her in the story?

Let's score a point every time we find a word you don't understand?

Can you think of another word that means the same as that? (synonym - e.g. big - huge)

Which are your favourite words or phrases on this page and why?

Why is that line funny, sad, scary etc?

Now we have read this book ..

- *Can you retell the main points of the story to your Gran/Dad/Sister?*
- *If you had to give the book a different title what would you call it?*
- *What feelings, themes or ideas are in this book?*
- *Do you remember that theme/feeling/idea in another book you have read?*
- *Loneliness, sadness, joy, family, friendship, survival, suffering, bravery, courage, love, anger*
- *Does this book remind you of any others? Why?*

If you need any further help with reading at home, please ask your child's teacher for additional support, they will be so pleased to help you.