



Reading at home with your child.

We can't emphasise enough the importance of reading at home with your child. Reading should be done EVERY day.

The 'mechanics' of reading is important but your child's understanding of what they've read is vital also. It's never too early to ask them questions about what they've read, even if they only managed to read a few pages.

Please find below some questions to discuss when reading at home.

Seek, find and understand: Literal retrieval: Children are asked to describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts.

Who are the characters in the book?

What did she/he/it look like?

What happened in the story?

What happened after...?

How many...?

Where did the story take place?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

Which words/phrases tell you that ... e.g. the setting is spooky?

Describe... e.g. the dragon

Who spoke to...? What did they talk about?

What is...?

Which paragraph tells you...?

Which word tells you that...?

Where can you find information about...?

Which part tells you that ... ? (e.g. they were annoyed that Goldilocks was in their house?)

Why do ...? (e.g. people need to look after their teeth?)



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Reading between the lines: Inference and deduction: Children are asked to deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas.

Infer - look for what is implied (suggested) rather than what is explicit (stated/obvious). Read between the lines to find the meaning. Look at the words and how they are organised in order to see the writers' different meanings.

Deduce - be a detective. Use evidence in the text to work out what is meant. You might have to fill in gaps and make links between ideas.

How did feel?

Why did ... feel/ think ...?

Why is important?

What does the word... imply about ... ?

Explain...

What makes you think that?

Which words give you that impression? Why?

If you were going to interview this character/author, which questions would you ask?

What sort of person do you think would use this book? Describe a time when you think they would use it.

Do you think this is true/untrue? Why do you think this?

What do you think is thinking? What would you be thinking?

Which is your favourite part? Why?

Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this?

Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why?