



Ideas for reading with your child

5 Tips for reading with your child

1. Make 10 minutes every day to sit down together to read.
2. Read what interests your child – try to have a variety of styles of book
3. Take turns to read
 - a. it is excellent practice to develop their fluency and use of expression.
 - b. it also allows children the chance to enjoy listening to a story when you read
4. Discuss the language used in what you read
 - a. What skills have they used to decode unfamiliar words?
 - b. Do they understand words /phrases? Look them up together.
5. Enjoy reading – you never know 10 minutes may move to 20 minutes!

Suggested questions to ask your child about during reading time at home.

These questions could be used for either stories or non-fiction books. You can adapt them as you read and add your own. Encourage your child to refer to the text when they talk about the book.

Before you read

- What made you chose this book?
- What sort of book is it?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Have you read other stories by this author?
- What kind of characters do you think we will find in this book?
- What did the blurb say that you found interesting?
- How much do you know about this subject already?

While you read together

- What has happened so far? Can you tell me in your own words?
- What do you think might happen next?
- If you were the character, what would you have done?
- If you were another character in the book, what would you say to
- Where is the setting for this story?
- Does this storyline remind you of any other stories you have read?
- Which other stories have a setting / plot / characters like this?
- Have you ever experienced the same sort of situation as the character?
- If this book was a TV show, which actors would you use? Why?
- How does the author show us that the character is upset / lonely / scared...
- Why does the author repeat words?
- Can you explain what the author means when he says.....?
- Why are some words in bold?
- How do the pictures and the layout help you to understand the subject better?

- Why do you think the author chose this heading?
- What new words and technical language have you learned?



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After you have finished a book together

- What was your favourite part of this book? Why?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from this book?
- If you were the author, how would you have written the ending?
- Did the story end in the way that you thought it would?
- What do you like about this author?
- How would you describe it if a friend asked you to recommend it to them?
- Does it remind you of any other story you know?
- Can you relate to the character and the problems they faced?
- What interested you about this subject?
- What could you now tell a friend about this subject?
- Why is the layout and design of information books so different?

Ideas for language to use in discussions

<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NON - FICTION</u>
story	page
character	title
plot	heading
setting	subheading
author	index
idioms	contents
phrases	glossary
metaphors	technical words
illustrator	caption
title	layout
fiction	
plot resolution	
theme	
predict	
genre	

