

Helpful questions for reading at home Key Stage 1:

Fiction:

- Where is the story set? How can you tell?
- What has happened so far in the story?
- What do you think might happen next?
- How is this character feeling? How do you know? Why does he/she feel that way? How would you feel?
- What is the main message/moral of the story?
- What is the author trying to tell us?
- Encourage your child to empathise with characters, making inferences about their thoughts, feelings and reasons for their actions. How would you feel in this situation?
- What does this word mean? [new vocabulary-can the child work it out from the context?] Can you think of a different word that means the same thing?
- Why did the author use this word to describe...? How does it affect the mood?
- Can you think of any other books with a similar theme/message?
- How does this story compare to other stories from the same author?

Non –Fiction:

- What does this word mean? [new vocabulary-can the child work it out from the context?] Can you think of a different word that means the same thing?
- Which features show you that this is a non fiction text? How do you use the glossary/index/contents page to find information? Encourage your child to navigate the book efficiently.
- Can you think of 3 new facts you learned from this book?
- Can you relate this information book to your own experience?