

Shirland Primary School - Reading With Your Child

Asking questions before, during and after reading improves comprehension and develops critical thinking skills.

Questions to ask while reading Fiction

- Look at the front cover. What could the book be about? Check the 'blurb'
- Who is the author? The illustrator?
- What does that word mean? Read the words around it to help you figure it out (context).
- Who are the main characters?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think that character feels? Why? How would you feel in that situation?
- Can you predict how the book will end?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it?
- Can you retell the story in your own words?
- Have you read anything else with a similar theme?
- Do you like how the story ended? Can you think of another way the book could have ended?

Questions to ask while reading Poetry

Children often really enjoy poetry. They love spotting rhymes and patterns and it's fun to read aloud!

- What do you notice about this poem? (rhymes and patterns)
- What else have you read that connects to this poem?
- What's your favourite word or phrase in this poem and why?
- What do you wonder about in this poem?"
- Do you like the poem? Why?
- What did you think the poem was about?

Non Fiction

Nonfiction texts are filled with tons of information and rich vocabulary. Children who read nonfiction texts will experience an increase in their knowledge about the world around them. Another added benefit in reading nonfiction texts is that it will boost their overall vocabulary. Because nonfiction texts are so rich in advanced vocabulary, it is important to be sure your child is understanding what they are reading. Asking questions while reading nonfiction will help your child become a better **READER!**

Questions to ask while reading Non Fiction

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Do you know anything about this topic?
- Can you name 3 important details about the passage?
- What did you learn from the text?
- Is there any information that you was something you already knew?
- Are there any words that are unfamiliar to you?
- Do you know the meanings of these words?
- Where could you find more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- If you could rename the title, what would it be?
- Have you read any book similar to this topic? What was the name of the book? How was this book similar? How was this book different?
- What pictures or illustrations did you find interesting in the text? Why?
- What facts did you enjoy learning most?