



## Questions to Ask your Child when they Read to you.

As children grow older they may read aloud to you less than they did when they were in the infants. However, reading aloud to an adult is still the most effective way to improve a child's reading. The 1:1 focus that this allows enables the parent to address any misunderstanding the child may have. In addition, questions such as those below can really help ensure your child understands the text. Sometimes it might help it seem less of a chore for your child if they read a page and you read a page, or a paragraph each. When you read, have your child follow with their finger or a pencil.

### **Before you even start the book:**

1. Look at the front cover. What predictions can you make?
2. Who is the author? Have you read any of their books before?
3. Read the blurb, it gives you some key information that helps you understand the book before you begin.

### **While you are reading:**

**Layout:** Why are some words written in capital letters? Italics? Bold print? Different colour?

**Predict:** What might happen next based on what you have just read?

**Infer:** How do you think (character) is feeling? How do you know this? Can you work it out from their actions? Is there anything in the text that tells you this?

**Unfamiliar words:** Can you sound out the new word? Does it have a similar spelling pattern to other words you know?

**Vocabulary:** Always stop reading to explain what a new word means where needed. Check: what does this word mean, do you think? Can you work it out from the sentence it's in? The word means.....

**Skim and Scan Speed Challenge:** 'I'll give you 20 seconds to put your finger on the word ..... on this page'

Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)