

Questions to ask your child when reading – Year 5

Before reading the book

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What might happen in the story?
- What genre will this story be? Eg. fantasy, comedy, horror,
- What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?

During reading the book

- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next?
- How do you think the story might end?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Who is the character you like least? Why?
- Find 2 sentences to describe the setting.
- Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text which supports your view

At the end of the book

- Which part of the story is your favourite/least favourite? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story? How?
- Would you change any of the characters? How?
- Which part of the story was the funniest, scariest, and happiest? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
- Would you like to read another book by this author? Why? • Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
- If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him/her?
- Find 2 things the author wrote about this character that made him/her likeable or unlikeable



Extra activities to engage your child with what they have read

- Give their opinion of the book
- Talk or write about their favourite character, and why they like them
- Predict what they think will happen next
- Re-tell the story in their own words
- Explain what they have learnt from the book