

How to support reading at home?

Our aim at Airedale Junior School is to teach children the skills needed to read easily, fluently and with good understanding. Regular reading at home, to an adult, can further promote this.

We therefore ask for your support in listening to your child read, ask questions about the book and recording this in their reading record.



Commenting in Reading Records

Recording when you have read with a child is a vital way of communicating a child's progress between home and school. Please follow the steps below and use some of the examples below to support you.

1. Date and title of the book
2. Positive comment- What went well today?
3. Next step- How can they improve further?
For example:
 - pausing for full stops
 - expression
 - not rushing
 - sounding out the word or recording words they have struggled with
4. Finally—Sign your name

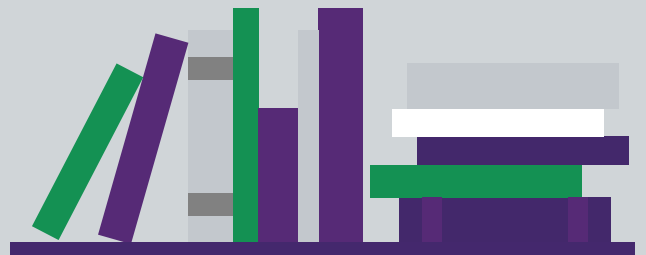


Questions to Ask

This is not an exhaustive list – but could be useful when thinking of questions to ask when reading with your child. Try choosing just a couple of questions to ask each time you read with your child.

Before Reading Together

- What is the title of this book?
- What might this book be about?
- Do you recognise any of the characters?



When Reading the Book Together

- Tell me one thing that has happened already in the story.
- Tell me one fact you have learnt from this book already.
- Find and tell me ONE word from this page that is closest in meaning to _____.
- How do you know that _____? Tell me two ways.
- Summarise the story so far/ Summarise this section.
- How does the character feel at this point and how do you know?
- Is this a primary or secondary source of information and how do you know?
- What will happen next and how do you know?
- What does the description page suggest about _____?
- Give one example of humour in the text?
- Find the word closest in meaning to _____.

When finished reading the book

- What might happen next?
- Why do you think that happened?
- What happened first, next, after that?
- Did you like that story?
- Who was your favourite character?
- Can we practise answering the questions at the back of the book?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- Have you ever read another book with similar characters?