

Strategies to help your child when reading:

Encourage them to:

- Point to each word as they read.
- Sound out and then blend sounds together in words.
- Look at the pictures to help understanding.
- Read each syllable of a longer word – then read the whole word.
- Use their memory – can you remember this word? Have you read it before?
- Try a word – does it make sense in the sentence?

Questions to ask your child when reading – Year 1

Before reading the book:

- What is the title?
- What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story?
- What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?

Questions to ask your child when reading – Year 1

During the reading of the book:

- What is happening in the pictures?
- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?
- What sort of character is...? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...? How do you know? Can you find a word that tells you?

At the end of the book:

- Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- What sort of character was...?
- What happened in the story?

