Questions to ask your child when reading with them KS2

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Before starting the book:

• What type of story is this?

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- What do you think will happen, why?
- Have you read a book by this author or with this in character before?
- Why did you choose this book?
- What genre is this book, how can you tell?

During the reading of the book:

- What has happened so far?
- Who is your favourite character, why?
- Which character do you least like, why?
- What do you think will happen next, why?
- Can you find evidence in the text that shows that the character is?
- Can you find two sentences to describe the setting?
- What would you do in this situation?
- Why did the writer repeat this word/phrase?
- Why is this written in bold/italics?
- If you are reading non-fiction books, what facts have you read? Have you learnt anything new? What does this page tell you about? Is there anything that interests you on this page? Where would you go to find information about....?

After reading the book:

- What was your favourite/least favourite part of the story, why?
- Which part of the story was the funniest, scariest, saddest, and happiest? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
- What happened in the story?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- If you met one of the characters what would you ask them, why?
- Does your opinion of the character change in the story? What made it change?
- Does this story remind you of anything else you have read?
- Would you read another book by this author, why?