

Questions while selecting a book:

- Why did you want to read this book?
- Do you like the book cover? What do you like about it?
- Have you read any other books by this author?
- Is the author also the illustrator of this book?
- What do you think this book might be about?

Questions prior to reading the book:

- What is the title of this book?
- Who are the author and illustrator?
- Does the picture on the cover give us any clues as to what the story might be about?
- (Read the blurb on the back of the book together.) What clues does this give us? Does it sound like an exciting/sad/happy story?

Questions while reading the book:

- What has happened so far? What do you think might happen next?
- What can you see in the pictures? Are they helping to tell the story?
- Which character is your favourite? How would you describe them?
- How would you feel if that happened to you?

Plot questions after reading the book:

- What happened in the beginning?
- What happened next?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- At what point in the story did we realise....?

Character questions:

- What do we learn about X in the beginning of the story?
- What do we know about X by the end of the story?
- Who are the main characters in the story? Would you like to be any of the characters? If so, why?
- How would you feel if you were X at that part of the story?
- What would you have done if you were X?
- What are some of the words the author has used to describe the character?
- How did X feel when... ?
- Does X remind you of anyone you know? If so, why?

Appreciation questions:

- Did you enjoy this story?
- Did the illustrations help you to enjoy and understand the story?
- Did it remind you of any other stories we've read together? What were the similarities?
- What did you like/dislike the most?
- Did any parts of the story make you laugh? Why?
- Which was your favourite bit? Why?
- Were there any words or sentences in the book that you particularly enjoyed?
- Were any of the words written in capital letters/bold/italics? If so, why?
- Would you like to read another book by this author?
- Did the story remind you of anything that has happened to you?