

# Reading prompts for Parents/ Carers



*Here are some examples of questions you could ask your child when you are sharing a book. Just one or two questions per session is perfect.*

## **Front Cover**

What / Who can you see on the front cover?

What do you think the book might be about?

What makes you think this?

Ask them to find the title and read it. Does this give another clue?

Who is the author?

Is it a story book or information book? How do you know?

## **Open the Book**

Discuss the picture first, before starting to read the words

Who can you see ? What are they doing ?

What/ who else can you see?

What are they doing? How might they be feeling?

I wonder what will happen?

## **Reading the text**

If they need to point to the words, make sure they do this themselves, don't be tempted to do this for them.

Allow time for children to decode a word before you "jump in", they will often get there themselves.

The RWInc phrases can be a quick reminder or splitting the word up into it's sounds or syllables helps.

Context and picture clues also help to make sense of the words and text.

## **Comprehension and Reasoning**

What has happened in the story so far?

What are the characters like?

Where is the story set? How do you know?

What happened when....?

How would you feel if you were this character?

What do you think will happen now? How do you know?

What does the character mean when they say..... ?

What happened when....?

Find your answer in the text to "Prove it".

Did you enjoy the story? Give your reasons why / why not?

Talk about any links between this book and another book they have read, for example in Cinderella there is an evil stepmother and there is an evil stepmother in Snow White. In George's Marvellous Medicine ", Grandma is evil and wicked like Mr and Mrs Twit.