

# Hello

Reading with your child now can have long-lasting benefits for their future and there are lots of simple ways that you can help your child get more out of reading a story. In partnership with Twinkl, we've put together this useful leaflet to help you make the most out of sharing a story together. The great news is that reading together for JUST 10 MINUTES a day can make all the difference. It should be a fun experience for both of you so simply use this as a guide for discussing the exciting events that are unfolding within the pages of the book. Have fun!



STRIVE to make your child a more confident reader by following these easy strategies...

**SUPPORT:** Give your child lots of positive praise, support and encouragement before, after and during reading.

**TELL:** Can your child tell you what they think will happen next?

**RETRIEVE:** Can your child retrieve information from the text if you ask questions?

**INFER:** Can your child use clues from the text (infer information) to say how someone is feeling or why something might happen?

**VOCABULARY:** Discuss why the author has used certain vocabulary in a text?

**EVALUATE:** Can your child evaluate what they have read: Did they enjoy what they read? Why or why not?

Asking your KS1 child questions as you read together at home is an essential tool to help them develop a deeper understanding of a text. Here are some easy ways that you can ask different types of questions about what your child has read:

## **VOCABULARY**

The following questions will help your child look at how authors have chosen to use certain words and phrases:

- Can you find a word/sentence that tells you /shows that...?
- Why did the author use the word ... to describe ...?
- Can you find a word in the text that means the same as ...?

#### RETRIEVING

The following questions will help your child to go into a story and retrieve the facts:

- Where/when is the story set? Who is/are the main characters?
- Is there a dilemma in the story? How is it solved?
- Can you describe one of the characters? What does he/she look like? How do they walk/talk/behave?

## **SEQUENCING**

The following questions will help your child understand the order of events in a story:

- How/where does the story start?
- Did the story end happily? Why/why not?
- Could you use 20 words to sum up this story?

#### INFERING

The following questions will help your child hunt for clues in a story about how the characters might be feeling or why something is happening:

- What do you think the word ... means? Why do you think that?
- Why/how/where do you think ...?
- How would you feel if you were ...?
- Which is your favourite/funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?

### **PREDICTING**

The following questions will help your child to see the future and ask questions about what might happen next:

- Where do you think ... will go next?
- What do you think ... will say/do next?
- What do you think this book/chapter/page will be about?
- How do you think the story will end?

We hope this has helped you to get the most out of sharing a story with your child. For a list of great books to read together for all ages, find the nation's top 100 stories to share @ worldbookday.com.

Happy reading!

