**Reading at Home**

Before you read you might talk about:

• What your child thinks the story is about,

• Who the characters are,

• What do they think might happen?

 • At the end of the book, ask your child what the book was about.

You could ask some of these questions:

• Where does the story take place?

 • What happened in the story?

• Explain something that happened at a specific point in the story

• If you were to interview a character/author, which questions would you ask?

 • What do you think is going to happen next? Why?

 • Were you surprised by the ending? What is the most exciting part of the story? Why?

 • How would you have felt in the same situation? • Which part of the story best describes the setting?

**Non - Fiction** You could discuss the features of a non-fiction book (Contents page, Index and Glossary) and the information your child would like to find. You could talk about not having to start at the beginning by selecting what you would like to read about from the contents page. At the end of the book ask the children what the book was about. You could ask some of these questions:

• Find something that interests you from the book

• When would you use the index page in the book?

• Why have some of the words been written in bold?

• Why do we need a glossary?

• Have you found any pictures useful?