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# Reading at home:

Reading is a complex task involving many skills that need to be learnt. Reading at home is really important, it should be fun and promote enjoyment and can provide children the opportunity to practice their reading skills, to rehearse and recall. It also provides an opportunity for children to read for pleasure that can enhance their imaginations or develop their knowledge in a subject of their choice. Just 10 minutes every day can make a huge difference!

## Questions before reading:

**What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that?**

**What do you already know about the topic of this book?**

**Does the topic of this book remind you of anything you have seen or done before?**

**What are you thinking as you look at the front cover and the back of the book?**

## Questions during reading:

**What do you think will happen next?**

**How do you think the character will deal with this situation?**

**If you were in this story how would you feel or what would you see or hear? What other senses might you use?**

**What emotions is the character feeling? How do you know?**

**What does that word mean?**

## Questions after reading:

**Did you enjoy the book? Can you explain your reasons?**

**What is the main message of the book?**

**What questions would you like to ask the author right now?**

**Can you tell me the story in your own words?**

**What were the most important events in the story?**

**If the story had a sequel, what do you think it would be about?**

**Can you remember any tricky words and do you know what they mean?**

At APS we want to develop a love of words and language with our children. We want all of our children to read for pleasure so that reading becomes a lifelong habit. Hearing your child read at home and discussing what they have read can help children sequence events, talk about characters' emotions, the events, make predictions and develop empathy. It can also help children comment on what they liked and did not like in the book. The discussions around reading can really help children develop their reading skills. You can also discuss the vocabulary and any 'tricky' words.