

Questions to support reading

In Key Stage 2 children are taught to analyse texts and answer a wide range of questions relating to different aspects of the text. The following are some examples.

Literal/Basic Comprehension/Retrieving information:

- Where did ... go?
- Which word told that...?
- What happened at...?
- Where does it tell you...?
- What did...do/say?

Deduction/Inference/Interpreting Information:

- Why did...?
- What does...think/feel?
- How can you tell...? How do you know...?
- Why do you think...?
- Why is...important?

Comment on Structure and Organisation:

- What is the purpose of...?
- Why is ... in bold?
- Why are...used?
- Why has the information been presented in this way?
- Why does each instruction have a number?

Writer's use of language:

- What do these words,..., tell us about...?
- What words told you how...was feeling?
- Why did the author use...? (eg. rhymes, repetition)
- On page...it says...What does this tell you about the setting?
- Why did the author choose the words...and...?

Writer's purposes and viewpoints and the effect on the reader

- What is the main idea of the story?
- Does the author like...? How do you know?
- This story is both sad and happy. Explain why.
- How did the writer make you feel?
- Why did the writer choose the word... ?

But most of all – enjoy sharing reading regularly!