

# Reading with your child at home.



**Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects.**

Reading improves all of a child's literacy skills and can offer them a lifetime of enjoyment and learning. At Ben Jonson we aim to promote a love of reading and feel that children discovering books and how to use and enjoy them is crucial to their development.

Through guided reading sessions, group reading and whole class work in English lessons around a variety of genres we aim to give children to high quality reading experiences that support and challenge them to delve further into the texts they are encountering and develop confidence in being able to discuss them.

Reading with your child at home is a crucially important way to support their learning. Reading books together, reading to your child, hearing them read, discussing reading technique, stories, poems and non-fiction texts are all key ways to will help your child to develop into an able and accomplished reader and writer.



**Here are some ideas for questions that may help you with sharing books and talking with your children about what they are reading at home.**

- Why did you choose this book? What attracted you to it?
- Did you know anything about this book before you started reading it?
- What do you think about it now you have read some? Is it how you imagined it would be? Why/why not?
- Could you tell me what's happened so far (fiction) or what this book is about (non-fiction)?
- What has been the most exciting part? Why?
- What could you do if you can't read a word?
- What could you do if you can read a word but don't know what it means?
- Have you come across this word before?
- How did you know how to say it? Are there any clues in the word? Does it look like other words you know?
- Can you work out what that word means? How can you use the rest of the sentence, page or pictures to help you?
- What other word could the author have used that means the same sort of thing?
- Can you tell me what has happened in this chapter/on this page?
- Why do you think X (a character) did that?
- How could we describe that character? What are they like? How do we know that from what they say and do?
- How do you think X (a character) is feeling at the moment? Show me which words/phrases tell us that.
- Why do you think Y (an event) happened?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?
- How do you think the author wants us to feel at this moment? How are they trying to do that? What is he/she trying to do here?
- What do you think the purpose of using \_\_\_\_ (word or phrase) is in this paragraph?
- Why did the author choose that title?