

Reading to and with your child is crucial to developing their reading skills. It is important to read to your child regularly, whilst encouraging them to join in when they can. How to help your child develop their reading skills in **Year 2**.

- When your child is reading aloud to you, encourage them to use the pictures, the rest of the sentence and phonetic clues to read words
- Point out the punctuation in a sentence, e.g. full stops, speech marks, exclamation marks
- Take turns in reading longer stories
- Discuss your child's favourite words and phrases
- When reading non-fiction books, use the contents page and index to find information
- Talk about the main event and compare it to your child's own experiences, e.g. Remember when we went to the beach...
- Talk about the main character's thoughts and feelings
- Point out obvious story language across a range of books, e.g. 'All fairy tales start with Once Upon a Time...'
- Re-read stories and poems so that your child becomes very familiar with them and can retell them

Questions to ask your child when reading:

Fiction

- When and where did the story take place?
- Which word tells you that...?
- What did...do?
- Which words tell you about the setting?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What do you think will happen at the end of the story?
- What is your favourite part of the story and why?
- Why did the author use that word?
- Can you retell me the ending of this story?

Non-fiction

- How can we find information in this book? What features can we use?
- What is the glossary for?
- How does the first line in each paragraph help the reader?
- How does the picture help us to understand?
- Why is there a label/ caption with the picture?