**Reading with Your Child at Home**

* Before starting, ask your child what’s going on in the book at the moment. Are they enjoying it?
* Ask your child to read the book aloud to you (10 mins).
* If they are struggling with a word, let them have a go, and then tell them how to say it or sound it out for them. Explain what it means if they don’t know, and use it in a sentence for them.
* Check they understand any tricky words as you go along. Don’t be afraid to admit if you don’t know either – look it up together! Show your child that we all learn new words all of the time.
* Ask your child some questions from the list below to check their understanding (10 mins).

Characters and Setting

Who are the characters in the story? What are they like? How do you know? Why?

What is the setting for the story? What is it like? How do you know? Why?

Main Idea

Tell me in one word what the story is mostly about.

Tell me in a sentence what the story is mostly about.

Sequence

Tell me what has happened in the story starting from the beginning.

What happened before the section we read today? What do you think will happen next?

Problem and Solution

Is there a problem in the story that the characters have to overcome?

How do you think they will solve it/what have they done to solve it?

What do you think will happen at the end of the story? Why?

Emotions

How was the character feeling when \_\_\_\_\_ happened? How do you know?

Which words in the story that help you infer that the character is (sad, angry, excited, scared, worried, happy, or confused)?

How would you feel if \_\_\_\_\_ happened to you? Do you think the character felt the same way? How do you know?

Opinions

What do you like about this book? Why?

What do you dislike about this book? Why?

Who would you recommend this book to?

Why do you think the author wrote this book?