

Reading in school!



We value the time that you spend reading with the children in the class and the benefits are great.

There are still areas where the children need support thought. The art of reading is not just being able to decode the words – it's about understanding what you are reading too!

When you are reading with the children please could you try to ask some of these questions to really get them thinking about the book, the plot, the characters and the way stories work in general.

Encourage the children to use different voices for different characters. This will help develop expression, and give you a clearer understanding that they know that they are reading.



What has happened so far in the story?



Where is the story happening?



What do you think is going to happen next?



What makes you think that?



Who are the main characters in the story?



Can you describe them to me?



How do you think they are feeling?



Why has the author chosen to use that word?



Can you think of another work which means the same?



Do you know what that word means?



Is this like any other book you have read or listened to?



What is the same? What is different?



Do you like this story? Why? Why not?

Please remember that we want the children to enjoy reading and being read to certainly should never be a chore!