**Reading Question Stems**

Use these question starters to ask questions about the book your child is reading. This will really support the development of a range of different reading skills.

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| **Comprehension** | | | | **Inference** | **Language for**  **effect** | **Themes and**  **Conventions** |
| **clarify** | **monitor &**  **summarise** | **select &**  **retrieve** | **respond and**  **explain** |
| What do these words mean?  What has happened?  Why  is…significant?  How did the  writer show…?  How has the  writer used…?  What do you  think about…? | What happened:  -first  -before  -after?  What are the key events?  Describe the relationship between…?  What do you know about (chosen character)? | Who was it that . . .?  Who spoke to..?  Where is the word that means…?  How  did…happen?  What were some of the motives behind . .? | Based on what you know, what is your view of the character?  Based on what you know so far,  where/when do you think the book is set?  Why did character x react in that way?  Is this similar/different to a text you know?  How did X make you feel?  What do you think about..? | How do you  know…? Why did…?  How did…react? What does this tell us about them?  What clues does the writer give to the setting?  What will happen next? | How does the writer describe…?  What does the writer want us to think/feel about…?  Can you describe the character in your own words?  Why did the writer choose to…? | How is the theme of X presented within the text?  What are the writer’s views on X?  What do you see as other possible outcomes?  Do you agree with the writer’s view on? |