**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?Whyis…significant?How did thewriter show…?How has thewriter used…?What do youthink 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…?Howdid…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 youknow…? 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? |