Year 2 - Questions to ask your child when reading at home.

Retrieval Questions

- Who is the main character?
- When / where is this story set?
- Which is your favourite / worst / funniest / scariest part of the story?
- Tell me 3 facts you have learnt from the text.
- Find the part where...

Inference Questions

- What do you think.... Means? Why do you think that?
- Why do you think...?
- How do you think...?
- When do you think...?
- Where do you think...?
- How has the author made us think that..?

Vocabulary Questions

- Can you find a noun / adjective / verb that tells / shows you that...?
- Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?
- Which other word on the page means the same as....?
- Find an adjective in the text which describes...

Summarising Questions

- What happens in the beginning of the story?
- How / where does the story start?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less.
- What is the dilemma in this story? How is it resolved?

Predicting Questions

- Where do you think will go next?
- What do you think Will say / do next?
- What do you think this book will be about? Why?
- How do you think this book with end?
 What makes you say that?
- Who do you think has done it?

If you are not sure, say:

- Have a guess
- What would you do if you were...?
- If you had done that, what might.... have said?
- If we know that.... means, what might.... mean?
- Does the picture help us?

If you can not read a word, say...

- Can you break it up?
- Sound it out slowly.
- Are there any sounds you know?
- Do you know a word that looks like it?
- What could it say?