

Year 3 – Questions to ask your child when reading at home.

Retrieval Questions • Who are the characters in this story? • When / where is this story set? How do you know? • Which part of the story best describes the setting? • What do you think is happening here? • What might this mean?	Summarising Questions • What is the main point in this paragraph? • Sum up what has happened so far in 20 words or less. • Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? • Do any sections / paragraphs deal with the same theme / issue?
Inference Questions • What do you think.... Means? Why do you think that? • Why do you think...? • How do you think...? • Can you explain why...? • What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?	Predicting Questions • Can you think of another story with a similar theme? • Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will be the same? • Why did the author choose this setting? • What do you think might happen to the character next? Why do you think that?
Vocabulary Questions • What does this word / phrase / sentence tell you about the character / setting / mood? • By writing in this way, what effect has the author created? • What other words / phrases could the author have used here? • How has the author made you feel by writing....?	Author's Choice Questions • What does the word... tell you about...? • Find two ways that the author tells you... • What do you think the author meant by...? • Which words do you think are the most important? Why? • Which words do you like the most? Why? • How has the author made you feel happy / sad / angry / frustrated?
Compare, Contrast and Comment Questions • What is similar / different about two of the characters? • Explain why... did that. • Describe the different characters' reactions to the same event. • Is that as good as....? • Which character / setting / book is better and why?	