

## Woodside Primary Academy

### Homework help for Beginner Readers

- Look at the picture on the front cover and ask your child what they think the book is about.
- Read the title, pointing to each word.
- Open the front cover of the book.
- Can your child turn the pages over themselves?
- Look and talk about the pictures on each page.
- Go back to the beginning of the book and read the words.
- Point to each word as you read.
- Stop and ask your child a question about what you have just read.
- If your child can read the words then ask them to read the book to you after.
- Read any words they cannot use their letter sounds (phonemes) to blend.
- If the word is a 'word pocket' word and they do not recognise or remember it, tell your child the word. This will give them confidence and speed.

**When your child begins to recognise letter sounds, ask them to sound out the unknown word and then blend the sounds together, E.g. /c/a/t/ - cat**

**As your child develops fluency ask them to act out the speech and read with expression.**

#### **After reading:**

- Talk about your child's own experiences linked to the story.
- Ask your child: Did you like this story? Why?
- Which was their favourite page? Why
- Ask questions about what happened on each page.

## Homework help for More Confident Readers

As your child develops fluency ask them to act out the speech and read with expression.

### Reading Comprehension

Here are some questions to use to develop comprehension.

#### Title

- Can you predict what the text might be about from the title?
- What type of text is it? How do you know?

#### Setting

- Where is this story/scene set? How do you know?
- Does the setting change? Why?
- Which words describe the .....?

#### Character

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- How did the character feel? What evidence do you have for that?
- Which words/phrases are used to describe the main character?
- What sort of person is.....? How do you know that?
- Do you agree or disagree with the actions of.....? What would you have done?
- How did the character's feelings/actions change throughout the story?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?

#### Plot

- What is this story about?
- Can you retell the story in sequence?
- Which is your favourite part of the story? Why?

#### Structure and organisation of text

- What is the information on the back of a book called?
- What is the title of this text?
- Where will you find an index/glossary/contents?
- What are a glossary/index/contents for?
- What is the difference between fiction and non-fiction?
- What are diagrams/arrows/boxes for?

- Why has the author set the page out like this?

Author's use of language

- Which words rhyme in this poem?
- What does this word mean?
- Do you think this an effective word choice? Why do you think that?
- How does this sentence make you feel? Why?