

## Reading Activities

### Guidance

Use the questions below to prompt further discussion as you read a book together. We have also included some activities which you may enjoy doing together after reading your story or information book.

### Questions to ask before reading

- Talk with an adult about who the author and illustrators are.
- Is the book a paper copy or a hardback?
- Does it have just one story in, or is it a treasury?
- Is the book a story (fiction) or an information book (non-fiction)?

### Questions for fiction books

- Find the title. Do you know any of those letter sounds?
- Look at the front cover. Can you guess what this story might be about?
- Where is the story set? Does it take place on a farm, in a shop, at the seaside?
- What time of day does the story take place, daytime or night-time? What makes you think that?
- Talk about the story and think about why things happen. For example, I wonder why the dog was sleepy? Why did the farmer get cross? How did the truck get out of the mud?
- Think about how you might feel if you were in the same situation. Would you feel happy too, or maybe a little bit worried?
- If you were an author and you had to write a different ending to the story, how would your story end?

### Questions for non-fiction books

- Does your information book have photographs or illustrations? Maybe it has both!
- Do you know how to use a contents page? You don't have to start reading at the beginning, you can go straight to the section that you're interested in.
- Do you know how to use an index? This helps you find the page that you need.
- If you could write a non-fiction book telling someone true facts, what would you write about? Maybe you could find out some information on the internet!

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### Make puppets for the characters in your story.

- Lollipop sticks or socks make great materials for this task.
- Extend this activity by using your puppets to act out the plot of the book.

### Draw or paint a picture of your favourite character.

- Can you write the name of the character?

### Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.

- You could use crayons, pencils or something from your art box if you have one.

### Make a prop for the story (you could use it with your puppets!)

- This could be a bridge for the Three Billy Goats Gruff or a castle for Cinderella.



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