

## How to help your child develop their reading skills in Y6.

- Find 15-20 minutes, four times a week.
- Get comfy.
- When your child is reading aloud to you, encourage them to maintain fluency and accuracy.
- Point out when a sentence starts with a subordinate clause, eg. **As the sun rose**, the man rowed his boat across the lake.
- Point out similes and metaphors, eg, **he is like a ray of sunshine, he is my world.**
- Read stories / books with more complex plots and talk about them.
- Ask your child to summarise a page into one or two sentences. (Works with both fiction & non-fiction!)
- Discuss the mood and feelings of characters by using clues in the text.
- Talk about the theme in the book and compare with books which have a similar one.
- Ask them to consider how the author has tackled or presented issues and resolutions, discuss the author's point of view.
- Discuss the context of the story eg, the historical setting or the social / cultural setting.



## Other questions to ask:

### Fiction:

- Which words and phrases tell you more about the character?
- When was this book written? How do you know? How does that affect the story?
- How is the character feeling? How do you know? Show me in the passage.
- What does the word ..... imply about how they are feeling?
- Can you find examples of powerful verbs? Similes? Metaphors?
- Tell me one important event so far that could not be left out. Why is it so important?
- How has the author used words / phrases to describe this character?
- How has the author made you want to read on?
- What other books have you read which are similar to this one? In what way?

### Non fiction:

- Find two pieces of information that tell you about.....
- How does the layout of this text help the reader?
- What is the purpose of this list/ diagram/caption?
- What is the main point of the text?
- Find something which is opinion not fact.

