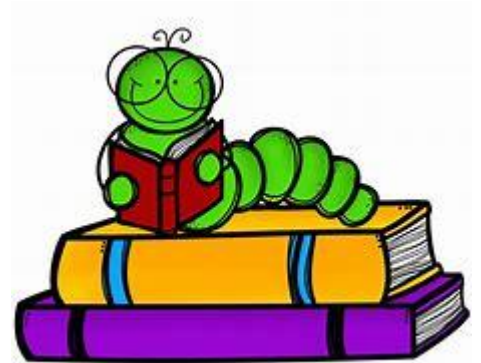


Reading Comprehension at Hamble Primary



Questions to ask your child about their reading

Before reading, look at the front cover and read the title.

What do you think this book might be about?

What clues are there in the title or from the front cover?

What genre/text type do you think the book is? Why?

During reading, choose points where you can pause and discuss what is happening or check your child's understanding of a word or sentence.

What sort of person is (the character) and how do you know?

How are they feeling and why? How do you know from the text?

What is the setting like? How do you know?

Why has the author used that word and not a different one? (for example a specific adjective to describe something)

Can you explain what has happened here in your own words?

Point to a noun/adjective/verb on that page.

Why has the author used an exclamation mark/capitals/italics there?

Why do you think (the character) has done/said that?

What could happen on the next page? What makes you think that?

What would you do if you were one of the characters?

After reading, ask children to sum up what they have read with specific questions, and see if they can make predictions about what could happen next (with reasons!). Some children may prefer to read on their own. You can still ask them these 'after reading' questions even if you have not read the book alongside them.

What happened first/last?

What were the main events of the book/section you have just read?

Was there anything surprising that happened?

What do you think might happen next? Why?

What is your favourite part of the book so far?

Pick a word or sentence that you think is really good. Why did you choose that?

Are there any other books/stories that you have read that have similarities to this one?

Would you recommend this book to other children? Why/Why not?