

## Questions to ask your child...

*What has happened so far?*

*Does this story remind you of anything else you have seen or read?*

*How did/are the characters changing?*

*What kind of text is this? How do you know?*

*How is the character feeling?  
What makes you think this?*

*Summarize the key points from the text.*

*What themes emerge from the text?*

*What new information have you learnt?*

*How can you tell when / where the story is set?*

## Book Recommendations

Islington Reading Road Map

[www.lovereadingsforkids.com](http://www.lovereadingsforkids.com)

[www.commonsemmedia.co.uk](http://www.commonsemmedia.co.uk)

Your local library!

Authors:

Anne Fine

MG Leonard

Eoin Colfer

Michael Morpurgo

Philip Pullman

Roald Dahl

Eva Ibbotson

Cornelia Funke

Anthony Horowitz

Penelope Lively

J K Rowling

Philip Ridley

Malorie Blackman



**Supporting  
your child  
with reading  
at home.**



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## ► Strategies to support your child

- Use the context of the sentence to work it out
- Replace the unknown word with another
- Use a dictionary to find a definition
- Use a thesaurus to find a synonym
- Read on to see if you can work out the tricky part, through knowing what happens next
- Read together, taking in turns
- Change a word to its opposite: what effect does that have on the story?
- Compare the book with a familiar one to see if you can make connections
- Read more books by the same author to see what style and themes recur

### What should I write in the reading record?

-Found this book challenging/easy– can they have another one?

X really enjoyed this book because...

The story reminded x of...

Read with expression

Very little help needed

X made a prediction as to what might happen next

X could find synonyms for the word...

Self-corrected errors

### Specific Praise

I liked the way you used expression and changed your voice.

I noticed you paused for the full stop/comma. Well done.

I can tell you're using punctuation to help you.

Well done for trying to read that word again, it is a tough one.

I love the way you were able to retell that story in your own words.

Well done– you reads the words independently.

You made that really interesting!

