

- You can still read to your child even when they are becoming a more confident reader. They will really enjoy this time together and it will help them so much with their own reading.
- Choose a book to read to them that is slightly above their own reading level – this will help them with their own reading by introducing them to new words, phrases and ideas.
- Discuss the ideas in the book they are reading or you are reading to them and ask them questions like:



*I wonder why this character did/said/that?
Can you retell the story so far?
Which is your favourite character?
What might happen next?
What makes you think that?*

Things to check your child can do when they are reading to themselves or to you:

- Reading on or back when they get stuck to help them fix it
- Looking closely at new/longer words and help them to break it up and put it back together
- Asking questions about the characters/events/what might happen
- Spotting punctuation
- Using their story voice – you can model this to them as you read to them too! You are looking for expression and smooth reading – changing their voice when a character speaks.

