

# Talking about Reading

Below are some ideas of things to talk about when reading together:

- initial ideas, thoughts, feelings, memories, experiences, possibilities and questions;
- what did we imagine, think and feel;
- what might have happened before the passage;
- what might happen next – predicting and clarifying;
- statements about what the words mean – commenting, referring to the textual evidence;
- vocabulary – other words that might have been used;
- key words that provoke interest;
- how the writing is hooking the reader;
- inferences/deductions – work out from the clues in the text;
- possible meanings;
- re-reading constantly for fluency – to emphasise meaning;
- saying a sentence aloud using expression – discussing possible different ways of ‘saying’ the sentence, noticing punctuation;
- changing an idea in the light of new information/ events;
- seeing events from the different viewpoints of characters/sides of an argument;
- visualising – what you can see inside your head;
- reading the pictures, thinking about the effect of the image on the reader and considering the contrast between the words and the images;
- raising questions – wondering;
- making connections with our own experiences or making connections between books;
- reading as a writer – discussing organisation, sentence patterns, word choice in relation to effect – the writing style;
- drawing the threads together – summarising;
- discussing the overarching theme or line of argument – evaluation and personal preferences.