Some questions to ask your child whilst reading together:

- What genre of books does this belong to?
- What type of book is this? Does it follow a theme?
 - What does this section of text tell you about?
- Have you been in a similar situation to the character in this book?
- Where/when is this story/poem set? Does this make a difference to how we read it?
 - Which do you prefer; texts set in historical times or in modern times? Why?
 - Who is this book aimed at? Do you think it is successful for this audience?
 - What made you choose this book?
 - Can you describe the characters in the book using one word?
- Find an unfamiliar technical word. Consider how it is used in this sentence. What do you think it means?
 - If you could ask the author a question about the text, what would you ask?
- What do you think is going to happen to the main character and how will they feel about this?
 - Who would you like to meet in the story? Can you give reasons for your choice?
- Based on what you know about (a character/event), how do you think the author will develop the story?
 - Can you list words and phrases which show you how the character is feeling?
 - Do the events happen in time order? If not, why not?
 - How does the title engage the reader?
 - Give examples of words chosen by the author to describe (a character)? Are they effective?
- What impression does the author want the reader to have of this character? How do you know?
 - Does the author have a viewpoint on...? How does s/he show this?
 - Is the aim of the text to persuade or to inform? How do you know?
 - How could you use the contents/index/glossary to help?
 - Can you choose a section of the text that you particularly like and explain why?