

Bloomin' Marvellous Readers

The question starters below can be used with most reading books and activities. The questions at the bottom of the page will encourage your child to recall facts. The questions at the top of the page need a bit more thought and aim to extend your child's reading skills. Ask your child a few of these questions each time you read, add some of your own or ask your child to think of their own questions.

Let's grow some Bloomin' Marvellous readers!

'Helping it grow'

The following 'challenge' questions help your child to extend their knowledge and think more deeply about the text. Try to encourage your child to explain their ideas and use examples from the book to help them.

Tell me about your favourite...

What do you think about...? Why?

What/who did you like/dislike and why?

Do you agree/disagree with...?

Give arguments for/against...

How could you change the story?

What was the most important part of the story?

What do you think would happen if... ?

Why do you think...?

How does... feel? How can you tell?

Does this book make you think of anything else?

How is... the same as/different to... ?

Is... fact or opinion? How do you know? How could you check?

What things in the story could not happen in real life?

'Planting the seed'

The following 'remembering' questions help your child show their basic understanding of the text.

What... ?

Where... ?

When... ?

How... ?

Who... ?

Why... ?

Describe...