

Year 1
Reading bookmark



How to help your child develop their reading skills in Year 1.

- * When your child is reading aloud to you, encourage them to use the picture clues to help them read simple texts
- * Point out the punctuation in a sentence, eg capital letters, full stops, question marks
- * Point out the main differences between fiction and non-fiction
- * Talk about the main event and ask simple questions about it
- * Talk about the main character's feelings
- * Point out obvious story language, e.g. Once upon a time, big bad wolf
- * Talk about how the story relates to your child's experiences

Questions to ask your child

Fiction

- * What is happening in the picture?
- * Can you find any words that have been repeated?
- * Which is your favourite character? Why?
- * What would you ask your favourite character?
- * What do you think is going to happen next?
- * What do you think will happen at the end of the story?
- * What happened in the story?

Non-fiction

- * How does the front cover tell us this is a factual book?
- * Can you find the index? What is it for?
- * Can you find the glossary? What is it for?
- * Why is there a label/caption with the picture?