Ways to help your child with reading at home

Word Meaning Question Stems

1. Find a word that means the same as…
2. What does the word…mean?
3. What word could be used instead of…
4. What is meant by the sentence…
5. Which word means the same as X…
6. The character felt X. This shows us that they were…

Retrieval Question Stems

1. Find and copy a piece in the text that tells you….
2. When did … happen?
3. What was …. doing?
4. List two things that…
5. Why did the character…?
6. Which character is….? How do you know?
7. What was the story/text about?

Inference Question Stems

1. How does this character feel?
2. What is the author trying to show in this part of the text?
3. What caused…?
4. How do you know…?
5. In what ways is X like X ?
6. What makes you think?
7. Why did the character feel that way?

Summary Question Stems

1. Tell me what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

Sequencing Question Stems

1. What happened first…

1. Number these sentences so that they are in the correct order in which they happened
2. What happened after…

Prediction Question Stems

1. Based on what you have read so far, what do you think will happen to this character?
2. Based on the front cover of the book and the blurb, what will this story be about? What evidence is there to make you think this?

Suggested reading for Year 2

Roald Dahl – The Enormous Crocodile, The Minipins, The Twits, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me

Dick King Smith – The Fox Hunters

The Pirates Next Door

Humphrey Carpenter - Mr Majeika

Berlie Doherty – Jinnie Ghost

Philip Pullman – I was a rat

Drew Daywalt – The Day the Crayons Quit

Leon & The Place Between

Man on the Moon

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean

Cakes in Space

Hotel Flamingo

The Growing Story