Questions for Reading Bookmark

Cut out the shapes below and stick them back to back. Whilst reading with your child, try to choose one question from each section. You could ask more than one type of question per page. This will check that your child really understands what they are reading and could lead you into further conversations about the book.

Vocabulary Questions

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?

- By writing in this way, what effect has the author created?

- What other words/phrases could the author have used here?

- How has the author made you feel by writing…?

Retrieval Questions

- Who are the characters in this text?

- When / where is this story set? How do you know?

- Which part of the story best describes the setting?

- What do you think is happening here?

- What might this mean?

Summarising Questions

- What is the main point in this paragraph?

- Sum up what has happened so far in X words or less.

- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs?

- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

Be an Author

- What does the word… tell you about…?

- Find two ways that the author tells you…

- What do you think the author meant by…?

Inference Questions

- What do you think. . means? Why do you think that?

- Why do you think. ?

- How do you think. .?

- Can you explain why ..?

- What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?

Prediction Questions

- Can you think of another story with a similar theme?

- Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?

- Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?

Compare, Contrast and Comment

- What is similar/different about two characters?

- Explain why… did that.

- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.

- Is this as good as…?

- Which is better and why?

- Which words do you think are most important? Why?

- Which words do you like the most? Why?

- How has the author made you feel happy/sad/angry/frustrated?