**Asking questions about a book…**

**Choosing a book:**

• Why did you choose this book?

• Have you read other books by this author?

• What could this book be about?

**Before reading the book:**

• What do you think this story will be about? Why do you think that?

• Talk about the different parts of the book (eg. Front cover, back cover, title, author, illustrator, blurb, ISBN number, bar code, publisher marks)

• If it is an information book ask them where you will find out about something specific (ie. can the child use the Contents page or Index to locate information?)

**During the reading of the book:**

• Tell me what is happening in the pictures.

• What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?

• What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?

• Ask children about events in the story: How would you feel if you had been that character? • Has anything like that happened to you? Would you like that to happen to you?

• If reading an information book: What facts have you read?

• Have you learnt anything new? What does this page tell you about? Is there anything that interests you on this page?

• Where would you go to find information about….?

**At the end of the book:**

• What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?

• What sort of character is….? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice…?

• Why did that character do … (give a situation/ event from the story)?

• Are there any words or phrases that you enjoyed?

• Are there any parts of the book that are repeated? Why do you think that the author did that?

• Who are the main characters in the story? What character would you like to be?

• Why are some words written in capital letters? Italics? Bold print? Different colour?

• Would you like to read another story by this author or illustrator?

• Have you read any other books like this one? Is it happy/ sad/ scary/ exciting? Why do you think this?

• Does this book remind you of any other stories, or TV programmes/ DVDs?

• Does this story remind you of anything that has happened to you?

• Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)