

## **Helping your child to develop comprehension and inference**

As your child becomes more confident with decoding words and is able to read longer texts with increasing fluency it is important to develop their comprehension skills. You can also develop comprehension and inference skills when reading books aloud to your child. Here are few tips, ideas and questions to support you and your child when reading together:

- Look at the front cover of the book together, talk to your child about what they can see. ('What do you think this book will be about?')
- Pause frequently when reading to allow time for thinking and discussion but without disrupting the flow of the story.
- Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen next and how the story will end; help them to explain their ideas (e.g. 'Tell me *why* you think that will happen?')
- Who are the main characters in this book? How are they feeling? Why? How do you know?
- Is there a hidden message in this story? What is it?
- Does this remind you of any other stories you know?

Please continue to use the orange reading record to record the books that your child has read (school books and home/library books) and to communicate with us about your child's progress in reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs White

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