How can you extend reading with your child at home?

Questioning about the story can help with understanding.

Book introduction

Who is the author? What can you see on the front cover? What do you think this book is going to be about? Does the blurb (text on back of book) give us any more clues? Who do you think the characters are going to be?

Giving reasons

What makes you think that? How do you feel about? Can you explain why? I wonder why the author...? Which words has the author used to show that this character is funny/naughty/mean/kind?

Understanding what you have read What do you think is happening here? What happened in the story? What might this mean? Which part of the story best describes the...? Which words or phrases do this? Which parts of the story do you like the best? Why?

> <u>Discussing the story</u> Could this book be better? Is it as good as? Which did you prefer? Why? Who was your favourite character? Which was your favourite part of the story?

Recalling information from the book Where does the story take place? What did he/she/it look like? Who was he/she/it? Where did he/she/it live? Who are the characters in the book? What was the story about?