Year 6 Questions for Reading

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 help to check that you child understands what they are reading and could lead you into further conversations about the text.

Vocabulary Questions

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?
- How has the author made you/ this character feel by writing...? Why?

Retrieval Questions

- Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?
- When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.
- Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.
- What do you think is happening here? Why?
- Who is telling this story?

Summarising Questions

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in… words/seconds or less.
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

Inference Questions

- What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?
- I think....; do you agree? Why/why not?
- Why do you think the author decided to...?
- 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? How do their plots differ?
- 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?

Compre, Contrast And Comment

- What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?
- Explain why... did that.
- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.
- Does this story have a moral?
- Which... is better and why?

Be An Author

- What does the word... tell you about...? How?
- Find two ways that the author tells you…
- What do you think the author meant by...?
- 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?

Remember:

- Enjoy thismoment.
- Share your thoughts and opinions about it too.
- Just five minutes every day makes a huge difference.