

## TURQUOISE

To help your child to make good progress they should be reading daily.

Use the ideas below to help you.

Can your child...

### **Look at the front cover, locate and read**

- The title, author, and the illustrator
- What might this book be about? What clues help you to know this?
- What type of book is it? Is it fiction, non-fiction, play or poetry?
- Read the blurb together – what do they think is going to happen?

### **Look at the book together**

- Using the pictures, discuss what can be seen and predict what might happen next
- Predict what character might do or how they are feeling
- Who are the characters in the book?
- Where does the story take place?
- **Non-fiction** – identify the contents, index and glossary page. Discuss how they can help us to read the book
- **Non-fiction** – look out for headings, labels and diagrams
- Uses phonic knowledge to read unknown words
- Begin to read common exception words
- Read words ending in suffixes **est, s, ing, er, ed**
- Read words beginning with the prefix **un**
- Look for and name, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, speech marks and speech bubbles.

### **Talk about the book**

#### **Fiction:**

- Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why?
- Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not?
- How is the main character feeling at the start of the story? Why do they feel that way?
- If you were going to interview this character which questions would you ask?
- Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this?
- Has anything like the events in the story happened to you? What was it like?

#### **Non-fiction:**

- What sort of person do you think would use this book?
- When would you use the index page in the book?
- When would you use the contexts page in the book?
- Which parts of the text could help you to find the information you need?
- What is a glossary?
- Do you think the author of the book is an "expert" about the topic of the book? Why/why not?

**Enjoys an increasing range of books**