

Reading in Birch Class



In order for children to get the most out of their reading books at home, we have devised a list of ideas that will hopefully encourage discussion, conversation & opinion. This is a comprehensive list and we would not expect all of them to be covered, instead perhaps choose one a day to look at as part of your daily 10 minute reading session.

- Think of 5 questions you would like to ask one of the characters.
- Discuss the setting of the story.
- Predict what might happen when you are part way through a book.
- Talk about a memory or experience of your own that is similar to something you have read in your book.
- Which character in your book are you most like? Explain your answer.
- Which character in your book are you least like? Explain your answer.
- Which character in your book would you most like to be? Explain your answer. Finish this idea: "I like the way the author..." Be complete and give examples to support your opinion.
- How did the book make you feel? Explain.
- Construct a time line to fit your story. Include all the main events.
- Discuss the features of a non-fiction book such as title, contents, glossary etc.
- Compare this book to another / others by the same author. What is similar about them and what is different?
- Design a cover for a book you have read.
- Find new vocabulary (words) that you do not really know the meaning of and talk with your grown-up.

For those who would like more challenge...

- Make a list of as many adjectives as you can from a section of the book.
- Make a list of as many verbs as you can from a section of the book.

- Make a list of as many adverbs as you can from a section of the book.
- Which book will you read next and why?
- Choose a key moment in the book and change the event.
- Draw and label a character or a setting from a description in the book.