



## **Book Talk 3**



### **Reading at home**

#### **Ideas and prompts to help you when talking to your child about the books they bring home**

##### *For fiction (stories/picture books):*

- What made you choose this book?
- Look at the front and back cover. What do you think this story is going to be about? Why do you think that?
- Who is your favourite character? Why? Do any of the characters remind you of anyone you know? Who? In what way?
- Are there any words you are unsure about? How can we find out what they mean?
- Is this story like any other book/s you have read? How is it the same/different?
- Which was your favourite part? Why?
- Which was your least favourite part? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to your friend? Why? Why not?
- What do you think this character is thinking here?
- Who is telling the story? One of the characters or a narrator? How do you know?
- Do you have any questions about the story? Does anything puzzle you? What else would you like to know?
- Where is the story set? Have you ever been anywhere like that?
- At any part of the story stop and ask: what do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?
- Can you think of a different/better title for this story?



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##### *For Non-Fiction (fact/information books):*

- ⇒ Why did you choose this book?
- ⇒ Why might someone else choose to read this book?
- ⇒ What do you already know about this topic?
- ⇒ What questions do you have about this topic? Do you think this book will answer them?
- ⇒ Have you found any answers to your questions? Where did you find the information? Tell me the most interesting fact that you have learned.
- ⇒ Look at the contents page—which part of the book would you like to start with?
- ⇒ Can you suggest some other sections or chapters that could be added to this book?
- ⇒ Are there any words you are unsure about? How can we find out what they mean?
- ⇒ Can you find examples of pictures, maps, titles, headings, bullet points, diagrams, captions, glossary, charts and tables? What information do they give us?
- ⇒ Is this book like any other book you have read? How is it the same/different?
- ⇒ Which was your favourite page/section/paragraph? Why did you choose this one?
- ⇒ Can you summarise this section into one sentence? What is it about?
- ⇒ Would you like to find out more about this topic? How could you find out more?

