

BOOK TALK #theJSway

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SPOTLIGHT ON COMPREHENSION



Comprehension means understanding what we read. It's more than just reading the words—it's about thinking about the story, remembering what happened, and making sense of the characters and events. Good comprehension helps children enjoy books and learn more from what they read.

Here are our Top 5 Tips for how you can support with comprehension at home...

1. Ask Questions While You Read

Try asking: "What just happened?" or "Why did they do that?"

2. Talk About the Characters

Discuss how they feel, what they do, and why.

3. Make Connections

Help your child link the story to their own life: "Has that ever happened to you?"

4. Retell the Story Together

After reading, ask your child to tell you what happened in their own words.

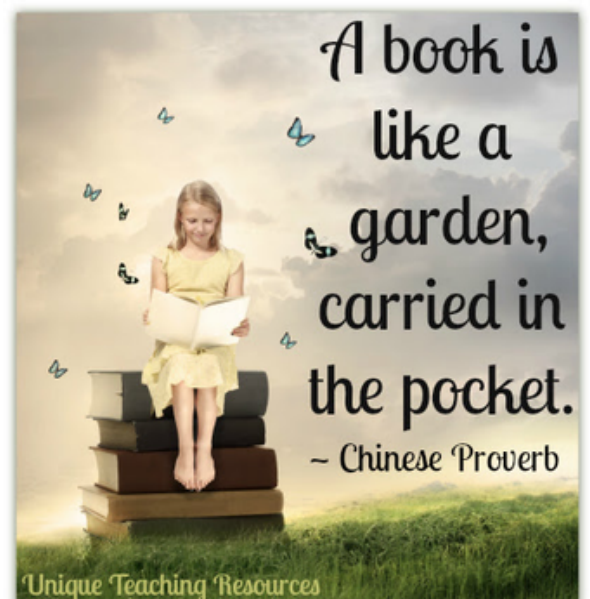
5. Use Pictures for Clues

Look at the pictures to help understand the story and guess what might happen next.



CLASS CORNER

Year 2 have been reading some classic literature from Enid Blyton. They are enjoying hearing about the crazy adventures the silly characters are having in the interesting lands at the top of the Faraway Tree!



READING DIARY REMINDERS

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

There are lots of new books out this month. Try these...



Adventure and magic collide in *Land of the Last Wildcat*, Lui Sit's fast-paced debut children's novel about family, friendship and the beauty of our natural world. Illustrated throughout in black and white by David Dean.

Puffin Lau has two problems: her beloved scientist mum barely speaks to her . . . and a mythical wildcat called the Kuri is depending on her for its survival.

Luckily, Puffin grew up on stories of the Kuri and its magical powers, and she will stop at nothing to return it to its rightful home.

But standing in her way is the ominous Professor Smoult, a money-hungry scientist who wants to capture the Kuri and steal its magic. Faced with a mammoth journey to the faraway Linger Island, Puffin and her best friend Lance must evade the professor and save the last wildcat before it's too late...



A brand new, bright and bold full colour graphic novel series - fizzing with fun and invention! Perfect for every graphic novel fan.

Meet Nova! She's a scientist. Some people say she's a genius. Some people even call her Supa Nova - get it? Like a supernova. Basically she's a huge star, exploding right at you with her adventures!

When Nova invents a plastic-eating monster, she thinks she's solved the world's pollution problem. But she doesn't expect her monster to start rampaging through the city! Can Nova find a way to save the day?

It will take a genius to figure it out!