Questions to Ask Your Child When Reading Nonfiction

Nonfiction text includes writing that is based on facts, real events and real people, such as biography, history or science.

Before Reading
• Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
• What do you want to learn about this topic?
• Let's scan the entire text. Based on our preview, what do you expect to learn?

During Reading
• What is the main idea?
• Are there any words that you don't know what they mean? Let's discuss those as we come across them.
• Can you think of a personal experience that relates to what we are reading?

After Reading
• What did you learn?
• Do you have any questions?
• Were there any elements such as diagrams, charts or pictures that were important?
• Where could we find out more information about this topic?
• What would be another good title for this text?
• Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar or different?
• Did you like this text? Why or why not?