

## Purple Band readers can...

- Read longer books with less reliance on illustrations
- Read quietly at a good speed noticing and correcting errors
- Sustain reading for long periods
- Read with greater expression by paying attention to punctuation and the page layout
- Solve new unknown words quickly
- Identify familiar phrases from different books- *once upon a time, one day, long ago*
- Notice books can be set in different times and places

## How to help...

- Ask them what they think the book might be about- referring to title and author
- Discuss the writer of the story- why did they choose certain words?
- Help them to understand the meaning of new words

## Questions you could ask

- What do you think will happen in this story? Why? (refer to title and author)
- How was the character feeling? Why?
- Why did the author choose that word?
- Where is this story set? (Place and time)
- Have you read similar stories? What was similar about them?
- Would you recommend the story to a friend? Why?

