THINKING STEMS

What you will need:
- Paper/exercise book and pen to record your thinking during and after reading.
- Current reading material or novel

What to do:
1. Use the reading material or novel you are currently reading.
2. Read over the list of thinking stems (below) to familiarise yourself with them.
3. As you read your chosen text, consider your thinking about:
   - The actions of characters in a narrative.
     e.g. The way this character is behaving reminds me of a character in the film...
   - What you think might happen next based on the clues in the text and your background knowledge.
4. Record your thinking in your exercise book.

What learning is happening:
The thinking stems can be used with any text. Use them during and after reading:
- to make connections to what you already know about the world (your prior knowledge)
- to develop new knowledge and understandings through critical and creative thinking and reflection

This will also create an opportunity for conversations.
Thinking stems - During and after reading:

- This reminds me of...
- I’m thinking...
- I’m wondering...
- I’m noticing...
- I’m picturing...
- I infer... the text says...
- I’ve just learned...