## Subject: English

# **Boys' Literacy**

- Prepare boys for tough KS1 and KS2 tests without putting them off reading and writing for life
- Multimedia approaches to accelerate boys' progress:
  - comics and graphic novels
- on-screen texts
- picture books and non-fiction
- film text
- Daily ideas to overcome reading reluctance in and out of school

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## New ways to support the new, stricter literacy targets

National Curriculum: latest expectations Ofsted: Key features of Outstanding New testing framework: KS1 and KS2 Latest research: what does it tell us?

# A 'how to' guide to improve boys' (and girls') literacy

Identify the 3 major factors that influence literacy learning

- home environment
- school environment
- male gender identities

Plan for boys' literacy learning

Use technology to engage reluctant learners

Give oral and written feedback that will promote progress

### Resources to instil a lifelong love of reading and writing

KS1 and KS2 units of work

Boy-friendly materials to promote reading for pleasure Teaching tools to help boys:

- communicate thoughts into writing
- develop grammatical skills in writing
- link reading and writing

"Lots of inspirational ideas for improving writing of all children."

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