

# Year 2 Reading Tests 2017

- 📌 Be ready for the tests in summer 2017
- 📌 Clarify what you need to know:
  - test format
  - assessed content
  - the cognitive domain
  - marking specifications
- 📌 A two-year plan to prepare pupils for test success
- 📌 Practical tips to help all children read a wide range of texts fluently and accurately

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Gill is an experienced trainer and presenter, having worked as an independent literacy consultant for over 20 years. She takes a creative approach to teaching reading and writing, thinking particularly about how to engage children and to make learning purposeful and enjoyable. Her experiential approach, 'Writing for Real', has a strong following and she has broadened it to include 'Richer Reading' - giving children authentic purposes and audiences for their reading. Gill's has written and edited innumerable resources for many UK publishers.

### Clarify the Year 2 tests

- Confirm timelines for teaching and testing
- Unpick the format of questions and responses for:
  - Paper 1 (part-read to children)
  - Paper 2 (independently completed)
- Know your role in marking each paper

### A guide for tackling the tests in the classroom

- Know which areas of the national curriculum will be tested
  - understanding vocabulary
  - explaining sequence of events
  - making inferences
  - prediction
  - identifying key aspects of fiction and non-fiction
- Teach rigorous but engaging lessons
- Assess progress regularly (without levels)
- Ensure top marks for the most able

### Top tools for impressive results

- Strategies to:
  - establish meanings of unfamiliar words and phrases
  - encourage independent reading
- Practice questions
- Tips to promote reading for pleasure

*"Gill is really hands on and has lots of real ideas that I can take straight into the classroom."*

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