

Assessing Spoken Language: Meeting Year 2 Expectations

Year 2 Expectations: Spoken Language

- Ask questions to gain information and to clarify meaning
- Express themselves using complete sentences when required
- Make more specific vocabulary choices, for example – technical language
- Take turns when talking in pairs or in small groups
- Offer appropriate comments in paired or small group discussion
- Begin to be aware that formal and informal situations require a different role and language
- Retell a familiar story using narrative language and linking words and phrases
- Hold the attention of listeners by adapting the way they talk
- Begin to understand how to speak for different purposes and audiences
- Perform a simple poem from memory

Assessing Reading: Meeting Year 2 Expectations

Year 2 Expectations: Word Reading

- Decode automatically and fluently
- Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught
- Recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes
- Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs
- Read words containing common suffixes
- Read further common exception words
- Read and notice unusual correspondence between grapheme and phoneme
- Read most words quickly and accurately when they have been frequently encountered without overt sounding and blending
- Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- Read books fluently and confidently

Year 2 Expectations: Comprehension

- Talk about and give an opinion on a range of texts
- Discuss the sequence of events in books and how they are related to each other
- Use prior knowledge and context and vocabulary explored to understand texts
- Retell orally some stories, including fairy stories and traditional tales
- Read for meaning, checking that the text makes sense and correcting inaccurate reading
- Know and recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry
- Talk about favourite words and phrases.
- Increase repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
- Answer and ask appropriate questions and make predictions on the basis of what has been read so far
- Draw simple inferences from illustrations, events and characters' actions and speech.

Assessing Writing: Meeting Year 2 Expectations

Year 2 Expectations: Transcription

- Segment spoken words into phonemes and record these as graphemes
- Spell words with different alternative spellings, including a few common homophones
- Spell longer words using suffixes such as ment, ness, ful, less, ly
- Use knowledge of alternative phonemes to narrow down possibilities for accurate spelling
- Identify known phonemes in unfamiliar words and use syllables to divide words
- Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- Begin to use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters
- Understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

Year 2 Expectations: Composition

- Write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
- Write for different purposes, including real events
- Plan and discuss the content of writing and write down ideas
- Orally rehearse structured sentences or sequences of sentences
- Evaluate writing independently, with peers and with teacher
- Proof-read to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Use full stops, capital letters, exclamation and question marks accurately to demarcate sentences and commas for lists
- Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
- Use subordination (using *when*, *if*, *that*, or *because*) and co-ordination (using *or*, *and*, or *but*)
- Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form