

## About this pack

This pack provides you with practice papers to help support children with end-of-year tests and to assess which skills need further development. The pack consists of this introductory booklet (including mark schemes) and three sample papers covering a wide range of content taken from the Key Stage 2 Programme of Study. A reading booklet and answer booklet is provided for each paper.

## Using the practice papers

The practice papers in this pack can be used as you would any other practice materials. The children will need to be familiar with specific test-focused skills, such as reading carefully, leaving questions until the end if they seem too difficult, working at a suitable pace and checking through their work.

If you choose to use the papers for looking at content rather than practising tests, do be aware of the time factor. The tests require a lot of work to be done in 1 hour as they are testing the degree of competence children have – it is not enough to be able to answer questions correctly but slowly.

## About the tests

Each Reading test consists of texts covering different genres and contains 50 marks. Each test lasts for 1 hour, including reading time.

- Reading booklet: children may underline, highlight or make notes.
- Answer booklet: children should refer back to the reading booklet for their answers.

The marks available for each question are shown in the answer booklet next to each question and are also shown next to each answer in the mark scheme. Incorrect answers do not get a mark and no half marks should be given.

There are three different types of answer.

- **Selected answers:** children may be required to choose an option from a list; draw lines to match answers; or tick a correct answer. Usually 1 mark will be awarded.
- **Short answers:** children will need to write a phrase or use information from the text. Usually 1–2 marks will be awarded.
- **Several line answers:** children will need to write a sentence or two. Usually 1–2 marks will be awarded.
- **Longer answers:** children will usually need to write more than one sentence using information from the text. Up to 3 marks will be awarded.

## Advice for parents and carers

### How this pack will help

This pack will support your child to get ready for the school-based end-of-year tests in Reading. It provides valuable practice and help on the responses and content expected of Year 3 children aged 7–8 years.