Thistledown Lane

Pip and the Windy Day: Reading Comprehension

KS1 · Year 1 and Year 2

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- Year 1: a short retelling and 6 questions
- Year 2: the whole story and 9 questions, with reading domains
- Answers for both, and a mark scheme for Year 2

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How to use this pack

Two levels from the same story. **Year 1** is a short retelling with picture-friendly questions: tick, order and true or false. **Year 2** is the whole story as told in the episode, with questions tagged by KS1 reading content domain (1a to 1e) and a mark scheme. You can watch the episode together first, read it aloud, or use it as an independent reading task.

KS1 reading content domains

- **1a** draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts
- **1b** identify and explain key aspects of texts, such as characters, events and information
- **1c** identify and explain the sequence of events in texts
- **1d** make inferences from the text
- **1e** predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far

The story

A big gust whisks Lilly's beret across the field, all the way to a burrow where a very shy rabbit called Pip lives. One little hop... and another little hop.

The lesson

Being brave doesn't mean you're not scared. It means you're a bit scared, and you do one little hop anyway.

Curriculum links

English, Year 1 and Year 2 reading comprehension: listening to and discussing stories, discussing word meanings, predicting, making inferences and checking the text makes sense. PSHE: bravery, worries and fears, encouraging a friend.

Year 1: Pip and the Windy Day

Name: _____





It was a very windy day on Thistledown Lane. The leaves were falling from the trees. Then a big gust blew Lilly's red beret right off her head!

Bramble, Moss and Lilly ran after it. They ran across the big field. The wind dropped the beret into a big pile of leaves by a bank.

In the bank there was a little door. A shy rabbit called Pip lived there. Pip was scared of the falling leaves. She had not been outside all day.

Old Wren came to help. "The trees are getting ready for bed," he said. A tree going to bed did not sound scary at all.

"How about just one little hop?" said Bramble. So Pip did one little hop. Then another, and another! They all hopped together to the pile of leaves.

Pip jumped right into the leaves. Up she popped with the red beret on her head! Then everyone jumped in the leaves, even Old Wren.

Year 1 questions

Name: _____

1 What did the wind blow off Lilly's head?

☐ her scarf ☐ her beret ☐ her bag

2 What kind of animal is Pip?

☐ a mouse ☐ a squirrel ☐ a rabbit

3 What was Pip scared of?

☐ the falling leaves ☐ the dark ☐ the rain

4 Who told Pip why the leaves fall?

☐ Moss ☐ Old Wren ☐ Mam

5 Put these in order. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes.

☐ Pip jumped into the leaves.

☐ The wind blew Lilly's beret away.

☐ Pip did one little hop.

6 True or false?

Lilly's beret is red. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Pip lives in a tree. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Old Wren jumped in the leaves too. **True** ☐ **False** ☐

Year 2: Pip and the Windy Day

Name: _____





It was the windiest morning of the whole autumn on Thistledown Lane. The trees were roaring, and the leaves were coming down like golden rain.

“Whoooa! Look at them all! There must be a million!” said Lilly. “Hold on to something, Lilly. You’re very light,” said Moss. “I’m not light. I’m aerodynamic,” said Lilly. “Lilly, mind your hat!” said Bramble.

But it was too late. A great big gust came roaring down the lane, and it whisked Lilly’s beret right off her head. “My beret! My best beret! It’s going over the wall!” said Lilly. “Come on. Quick, before it gets away,” said Bramble.

So off they ran, through the gate and across the big field, with the beret tumbling over and over ahead of them, like a little red leaf. “It’s getting away!” said Moss. “It’s going down by that bank!” said Lilly.

And then the wind dropped it, plop, into an enormous pile of leaves at the bottom of a grassy bank.

“Where is it? It was right here. It’s gone into the leaves!” said Lilly. “There are an awful lot of leaves,” said Moss. And then Bramble saw something. In the bank, behind the leaves, there was a little round doorway. And in the doorway, two very big, very worried eyes.

“Hello? We won’t hurt you. We’re only looking for a hat,” said Bramble. Very, very slowly, a small grey-brown face peeped out. It had one floppy ear and a yellow striped jumper. “H-hello. I’m Pip. I live here. Is the wind still very loud?” asked Pip.

“It’s quite loud. I’m Bramble. This is Moss, and this is Lilly,” said Bramble. “We’ve lost my beret. Have you seen a beret? It’s red. And very important,” said Lilly. “I haven’t been outside. Not all day. Not with all the leaves falling on everything,” said Pip.

“The leaves are a bit scary. One fell right on my head,” said Moss. “One fell on MY head yesterday. I stayed in for the rest of the day,” said Pip. “Will you come out and help us look?” asked Bramble. “I... I don’t think I can,” said Pip.

Just then, Old Wren came fluttering down onto the hawthorn bush at the top of the bank, his feathers all ruffled up by the wind. “Hmm. Blowy. I’ve been blown halfway across the field and back again,” said Old Wren. “Old Wren, Pip’s frightened of the leaves falling,” said Bramble.

“Well. That’s only because nobody’s told her why they fall,” said Old Wren. “Why ARE the trees throwing their leaves away? Don’t they want them?” asked Moss. “They’re getting ready for bed. All summer, a tree works hard. In autumn, it lets its leaves go, and it rests all through the winter. And in spring? Brand new leaves,” said Old Wren.

“So the trees aren’t throwing things at me?” asked Pip. “Bless you, no. They’re just tucking themselves in,” said Old Wren. And Pip thought about that. A tree going to bed didn’t sound frightening at all. It sounded rather cosy.

“I’d still like to help find the beret. But it’s a very long way out,” said Pip. “It doesn’t have to be all at once. How about just one little hop?” asked Bramble. “One little hop...” said Pip. And Pip did one little hop, right onto the doorstep.

“That was a good one,” said Moss. “...and another little hop,” said Pip. And then Bramble hopped, and Moss hopped, and Lilly did a hop that was more of a bounce, and they all hopped together, one little hop, and another little hop, all the way to the great big pile of leaves.

“One little hop... and another little hop!” said Pip. “Pip, you’re outside! You’re right outside!” said Lilly. “I am! I’m outside!” said Pip.

And then Pip, the most careful rabbit in the whole field, took a big breath, and jumped right into the middle of the leaf pile. There was a great whoosh of leaves, and for a moment there was no Pip at all. And then...

...up she popped, with leaves in her ears, and something red on her head. “My beret! Pip, you found it! You found my beret!” said Lilly.

“It was in the leaves all along. The leaves were quite nice, actually. They’re crunchy,” said Pip. “Can I have a go?” asked Moss.

So they all had a go. Moss jumped in, and Lilly jumped in, and Bramble jumped in, and Old Wren said he was far too old for that sort of thing, and then jumped in as well. “Don’t tell anybody,” said Old Wren.

“Will you come back tomorrow? It might be windy again,” said Pip. “We’ll come back. And if it’s windy, we’ll do it one little hop at a time,” said Bramble.

“Being brave doesn’t mean you’re not scared. It means you’re a bit scared, and you do one little hop anyway.” And that’s how Pip came out of her burrow, on the windiest day of the whole autumn.





Year 2 questions

Name: _____

1 Where did the wind drop Lilly's beret? (1 mark) 1b

2 Pip is "the most careful rabbit in the whole field". What does **careful** mean? (1 mark) 1a

☐ takes care not to get hurt ☐ very fast ☐ very noisy

3 Look at the first page. Find and copy **one** word that tells you what colour the falling leaves were. (1 mark) 1a

4 Why had Pip stayed inside all day? (1 mark) 1b

5 Old Wren says the trees are getting ready for bed. Give **two** things he says a tree does. (2 marks) 1b

6 Number these events from 1 to 4. (1 mark) 1c

- ☐ Old Wren explains why the leaves fall.
- ☐ The wind drops the beret into a pile of leaves.
- ☐ Pip pops up with the beret on her head.
- ☐ Pip does one little hop onto the doorstep.

7 Why did Pip stop feeling so frightened of the falling leaves? (1 mark) 1d

8 Old Wren said he was far too old to jump in the leaves, and then he jumped in. Why do you think he said, "Don't tell anybody"? (1 mark) 1d

9 Pip asks, "Will you come back tomorrow? It might be windy again." What do you think Pip will do if it is windy tomorrow? Use the story to explain. (1 mark) 1e

Answers

Year 1

1. her beret
2. a rabbit
3. the falling leaves
4. Old Wren
5. 1 The wind blew Lilly's beret away. 2 Pip did one little hop. 3 Pip jumped into the leaves.
6. True; False (she lives in a burrow in a grassy bank); True

Year 2 (total 10 marks)

1. Into an enormous pile of leaves at the bottom of a grassy bank. (Accept: into a pile of leaves.)
2. takes care not to get hurt
3. golden ("the leaves were coming down like golden rain")
4. She was frightened of the leaves falling on everything. (Accept: a leaf fell on her head yesterday.)
5. Any two, 1 mark each: it works hard all summer; it lets its leaves go in autumn; it rests all through the winter; it grows brand new leaves in spring.
6. The wind drops the beret into a pile of leaves (1); Old Wren explains why the leaves fall (2); Pip does one little hop onto the doorstep (3); Pip pops up with the beret on her head (4).
7. Old Wren told her the trees were not throwing things at her. They were just getting ready for bed (tucking themselves in), and that sounded cosy, not frightening.
8. Any sensible answer, for example: he felt a bit silly after saying he was too old; he was having fun and did not want anyone to know.
9. Any sensible answer linked to the story, for example: she will come out one little hop at a time, because Bramble said, "If it's windy, we'll do it one little hop at a time."