

Literacy Calendar 2022-2023

Date	Event/Project	About / Website	Suggested activities	Twitter
September 2022				
08/09/2022	International Literacy Day	International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on 8 September, is an opportunity for Governments, civil society and stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges. The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development . https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores this year's theme: <p style="text-align: center;">Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An opportunity to rethink the fundamental importance of literacy learning spaces to build resilience and ensure quality, equitable and inclusive education for all.</p>	@UNESCO
13/09/2022	Roald Dahl Day	Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author. https://www.roalddahl.com/home/teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate in the classroom • Teacher resources 	@Roald_Dahl @RoaldDahlDay
Open now – contact your local rotary for dates	Rotary Youth Speaks: Competitions	The Rotary hosts a range of competitions to encourage and celebrate young talent. The Young Writer competition offers participants chance to express themselves and get creative with the written word. After being given a theme, participants can choose to write fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem. It's a chance to be imaginative. https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download the 2022/23 Young Writer competition Information Pack and Poster • Download the Youth Speaks: Debate 2022/23 competition Information Pack and Poster 	@RotaryGBI
October 2022				
06/10/2022	National Poetry Day	National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. The 2022 theme is The Environment . https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry competition: write a poem with the theme 'Choice'. • Start sharing a poem a day with your class • Check out the resources and activities on the National Poetry Day website 	@PoetryDayUK
24/10/2022	Author Week 2022: BMSG's celebration of Reading	Author Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the culture of Reading within BMSG. In 2022, Author Week will take place between the 24th and 28th October, celebrating the vital role Reading plays in students' success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage children to join a library • Visit your local library as a class • Celebrate in your own school library • Register now to take part in Libraries Week 2022 and stay up to date on this year's campaign. • Guest authors in school • Story telling session • 	@librariesweek #LibrariesWeek

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November 2022				
11/11/20	Remembrance Day	Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to read and write around the theme of Remembrance • Poetry focus 	#Remembrance
13/11/20	World Kindness Day	World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13th November. On this day, participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations. https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to read and write around the theme of Kindness • Empathy focus • Random Acts of Kindness challenge or calendar • Explore these lessons plans 	#WorldKindnessDay
January 2023				
23/01/23	National Handwriting Day	National Handwriting Day is observed on January 23 rd , the birthday of John Hancock – the first man to sign the Declaration of Independence. His autograph became so famous that we now commonly use, ‘John Hancock’ as another term for signature. https://nationaltoday.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter • Create a Vision Board – National Handwriting Day corresponds with the beginning of the year and making resolutions. A vision board is a great way to visualise goals for the upcoming year. Handwrite words of motivation to perfect the piece. • Keep a Journal 	#handwritingday
30/01/2023 – 06/02/23	National Storytelling Week	Stories belong to everyone...what's your story? What will you be telling and where will you be telling it? Every year there are hundreds and hundreds of events during National Storytelling week. It's a celebration of storytelling for all! National Storytelling week this year will run from 30th January to the 6th February. https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the starter pack and videos, which are being created by experienced teachers and established Storytellers. • If you would like the pack, email membership@sfs.org.uk 	@sfs_uk
February 2023				
07/02/2023	Harry Potter Book Night	It's the night Bloomsbury are holding their annual Harry Potter Book Night, launching a host of literary events across the world, all centred on a theme. Usually around the 7 th February but date tbc. https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-book-night/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up here to ensure you're one of the first to hear all the latest Harry Potter Book Night news. 	#HarryPotterBookNight
06/02/2023 – 12/02/23	Mental Health Awareness Week	The aim of this week is to educate the public about mental health issues and to promote better mental health. This event is also a vehicle to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation. Runs from 6 th – 12 th February 2023. Each year has a theme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share stories. Mental health books list: https://www.booksfortopics.com/mental-health • Write something around this year's theme • Resources 	@mentalhealth

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		https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week		
14/02/2023	International Book Giving Day	Give the gift of books on #BookGivingDay. Book fairy? Book ninja? Call it what you will, but, stealthily leaving books out in the wild for little people to find is what it's all about! https://bookgivingday.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a book / encourage children to give a book. • Blind date with a book! • Download the bookmark, poster and bookplate from the website. These are FREE to download. 	#BookGivingDay
March 2023				
02/03/2023	World Book Day	World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. https://www.worldbookday.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a new reading initiative throughout your school that you will continue to do daily/weekly throughout the year • There are online resources to support here. 	@WorldBookDayUK #WorldBookDay
March 2023	British Book Awards (shortlist in March, winner in May 2023)	Literary awards celebrating the commercial successes of publishers, authors and bookshops, administered by The Bookseller. Look out for the British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2022 Shortlist and the Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2022 Shortlist. https://www.thebookseller.com/british-book-awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the shortlist with your class 	@thebookseller
08/03/2023	International Women's Day	International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. https://www.internationalwomensday.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the resources available. • Book focus: female protagonists. 	#IWD2023
20/03/2023 – 26/03/23	Shakespeare Week	Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities for enriching and enjoyable early experiences of Shakespeare. It is one of the pathways to Shakespeare provided by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for people of all ages and stages of interest. Could be of interest for Year 8 students? https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access free resources now • Register to keep in touch about Shakespeare Week 2023 	@shakespeareweek

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20/03/2023	World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day (WSD) is a project to promote oral storytelling by inspiring people all over the world to organize events each year the week after March Equinox. The goal is to have as many people tell and listen to stories at as many places and in as many languages as possible. Each year there is a theme – theme is tbc. http://www.globalstorytellingday.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share a story in assembly • Enjoy a story around a circle time campfire with marshmallows • Encourage older classes to share stories with younger classes 	#WorldStorytellingDay
21/03/2023	World Poetry Day	World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March, and was declared by UNESCO in 1999. Its purpose is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate world poetry day with poems from other cultures 	@UNESCO
April 2023				
02/04/2023 (Sunday)	International Children's Book Day	International Children's Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organization. Founded in 1967, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2. https://www.ibby.org/%20index.php?id=269	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate books from around the globe! 	@ibbyint
April 2023	Lollies - shortlist announced!	The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards (the Lollies) celebrates the best and funniest children's books in the UK and Ireland, voted for by children. The Awards have been running since 2016. Hopefully our students who love to laugh, will love the Lollies! https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage children to vote for their favourite book • Explore the lollies shortlist with your class/year/school 	@scholasticuk
23/04/2023	World Book Night	World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books that takes place on 23 April every year. Events up and down the country run by individuals and organisations celebrate the difference that reading makes to people's lives, and everyone from publishers to librarians, and local businesses to the general public can get involved. https://worldbooknight.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Activity Toolkit and ideas for librarians 	@WorldBookNight #WorldBookNight
23/04/2023	Shakespeare Day	Many fans and enthusiasts across the world celebrate Shakespeare Day on April 23 every year to honour the birth of Shakespeare. https://www.shakespeare.org.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access free resources 	#ShakespeareDay
May 2023				
02/05/23 – 08/05/23	Children's Book Week	Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, events are held nationwide at schools, libraries,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access plenty of fun resources to celebrate book week in school. • Host an event in your class, library or school. 	@everychildread

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		bookstores, homes — wherever young readers and books connect! https://everychildareader.net/cbw/cbw-resources/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, visit the local library! 	
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May 2023	National Share a Story Month	National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM), which kicks off today, is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfil the core aim of the FCBG of bringing children and stories together. Competition available. http://fcbg.org.uk/national-share-a-story-month/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore this year's theme (tbc) • Access resources on the website • Focus: Reading Aloud/Sharing Stories 	@FCBGNews
June 2023				
23/06/2023	National Writing Day	<i>National Writing Day</i> is an annual celebratory project designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing. Download teaching resource packs and learning resources created by National Writing Day partners, for use with Key Stages 1 through to 5. https://firststory.org.uk/writeday/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the challenge! • Find lesson plans, short writing prompts, videos and competitions on the resources page. 	@writeday
June	Pride Month	June is Pride month, it is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. https://prideinlondon.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Pride? https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693 • Share LGBT picturebooks that celebrate diverse families https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/lgbt-picture-books/ 	#Pride #YouMeUsWe