



Literacy Calendar 2021-2022

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08/09/2021	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 .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Read the concept note for this year's event here. 	@UNESCO
13/09/2021	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Explore some of the ideas of how to celebrate in the classroom with these teacher resources Download the Party Pack here. 	@Roald_Dahl @RoaldDahlDay
26/09/2021	Banned Books Week	Banned Books Week (26 September - 2 October 2021) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. USA based.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Explore some of the resources here. 	@BannedBooksWeek #BannedBooksWeek
October 2021				
All month	Black History Month	Black History Month found its way to the UK in 1987 following its successful implementation in the USA and Canada. Its role was to celebrate and inform the public about all aspects of black history and culture. In the early days, primary schools usually marked the event through a series of assemblies focusing on some significant black individuals like Mary Seacole and Jesse Owens or events like the <i>Windrush</i> . Since then, a great deal of work has been done to educate and support teachers in looking at black history, not just as something to be celebrated in one month but something that is embedded throughout the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Staff CPD: Explore and discuss the Reflecting Realities Report from the CLPE Audit your Library/Book Corners - how many books feature BAME characters/writers? Explore BBC Teaching resources here. Share, promote and invest in books by BAME writers 	#BlackHistoryMonth @BhmUK



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07/10/2021	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 2021 theme is 'Enjoy, Discover, Share'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Poetry competition: write a poem with the theme 'Enjoy, Discover, Share' • Start sharing a poem a day with your class • Check out the resources and activities on the National Poetry Day website 	@PoetryDayUK
November 2021				
Nov 2021	Blue Peter Book Award - shortlist announced!	Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential Blue Peter Book Awards have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore the texts with your school 	@BookTrust
Nov 2021	Non-Fiction November	Why not celebrate National Non-Fiction November by arranging an author visit or exploring one of the many types of non-fiction books for children and young people, any time during the month of November? You could team up with a library, local museum or organisation and build a session around books on a particular topic, such as local history or famous people. Theme: the planet we share .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Blog and Padlet about Non-Fiction November here. • This year's theme is 'The Planet We Share' 	@FCBGNews #nonfictionnovember
Nov 2021	Costa Book Awards - shortlist announced!	The Costa Book Awards honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. There are five categories: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book, with one of the five winners chosen as Book of the Year. The winner is announced every January.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information here. • For updates check the website • Explore the texts with your school 	@Costabookawards
11/11/21	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"> • British Legion Teaching resources here. • Opportunity to read and write around the theme of Remembrance • Poetry focus 	#Remembrance



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15/11/21	Anti-Bullying Week 2021	'One kind word' announced as theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2021. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15 to 19 November 2021. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Find school resources here. Odd Socks Day will be held on Monday 15th November - find out more here. Sign up to the mailing list for more info here. 	@ABAonline #AntiBullyingWeek #UnitedAgainstBullying
December 2021				
Early December	Royal Mail Letters to Santa deadline	Each year, Santa's elves at the Royal Mail can help you get a letter from Santa , if children write to him by early December.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to write to Santa and they will receive a reply! Find out more here. 	@RoyalMail
January 2022				
30/01/22 - 06/02/22	National Storytelling Week - date TBC	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 dates are TBC for 2022 but to give you an idea it ran from 30th January to the 6th February in 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here Explore the many storytelling resources here. 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
January 2022	Henrietta Branford Writing Competition Opens for Entries	The Henrietta Branford Writing Competition is an annual competition for young people which runs in conjunction with the prestigious Branford Boase Award (BBA). The competition is open to anyone aged 19 or under. Each year there are hundreds of entries from all over the UK, often thanks to the encouragement of teachers and school librarians, who encourage children to take part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Deadline for entries is May 2022. 	
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07/02/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up to ensure you're one of the first to hear all the latest Harry Potter Book Night news. Explore the website and resources here. 	#HarryPotterBookNight
March 2022				
03/03/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Introduce a new reading initiative throughout your school that you will continue to do daily/weekly throughout the year There are plenty of online resources to support schools here. 	@WorldBookDayUK #WorldBookDay
March 2022	Carnegie Children's Book Award - shortlist and school shadowing scheme announced!	Every spring, CILIP: The Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals invites reading groups in libraries, schools, homes... in fact, anywhere there are children and young people and books, to get involved with shadowing. Reading activity takes place from March to June; from the moment that the shortlists are revealed to the final winners announcement. Usually runs March - June (2022 dates TBC).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Get involved with the school shadowing scheme Explore the texts with your school 	@CILIPCKG
08/03/2022	International Women's Day	International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the website here. Explore the resources available. 	@womensday #IWD2022



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11/03/2022	British Science Week	British Science Week, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. Runs from 11 th March - 20 th March 2022 (tbc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Opportunity to read and write around this year's theme (tbc) • Book focus: non-fiction and science magazines such as <i>Whizz Pop Bang!</i> 	@schoolscienc e
21/03/2022	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. We've temporarily opened up access so that schools, families, home educators and cultural organisations. From 21-27 March 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Access free resources • Register to keep in touch about Shakespeare Week 2022. 	@shakespeare week #Shakespeare Week
28/03/2022	Earth Hour	The annual Earth Hour lights out event is held worldwide toward the end of March to encourage individuals, households, communities and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website here. • Take part at 8.30pm. • Share a related story or book • Write about Earth Hour (e.g. poetry - it's a symbol of unity. It's a symbol of hope. It's a symbol of power in collective action for nature) 	#EarthHour
March 2022	UKLA Book Award Shortlist Announced!	<i>Celebrating children's books, the UKLA Book Awards are the only children's book awards judged by teachers.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Register to take part in the 2022 Awards here. (in 2022 the UKLA is inviting teachers judges from Birmingham and the Black Country). 	@The_UKLA



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April 2022				
April 2022	Manbooker Prize - shortlist announced!	The Man Booker International Prize reveals the shortlist of the six books in contention for the prize in April, which celebrates the finest works of translated fiction from around the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Explore the shortlist with your class/staff 	@ManBookerPrize
23/04/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Download the Activity Toolkit and ideas for librarians. 	@WorldBookNight #WorldBookNight
23/04/2022	Shakespeare Day	Many fans and enthusiasts across the world celebrate Shakespeare Day on April 23 every year to honour the birth of Shakespeare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access free resources Visit the website. 	#ShakespeareDay
May 2022				
16/05/2022	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. Ran from 16 th - 22 nd May 2021, 2022 date TBC. Each year has a theme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the website. Share stories - Mental health books list. Write something around this year's theme Resources 	@mentalhealth
May 2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Explore this year's theme (tbc) Access resources on the website Focus: Reading Aloud/Sharing Stories 	@FCBGNews



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June 2022				
June 2022	Pride Month	June is Pride month, it is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. It's so important that little ones grow up and see their type of family set-up reflected in the books you share with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. What is Pride? Share LGBT picturebooks that celebrate diverse families 	#Pride #YouMeUsWe
21/06/22-25/06/22 tbc	School Diversity Week 2022	Join thousands of primary schools, secondary schools and colleges taking part in School Diversity Week across the UK. It's a fantastic way to make your school safer, happier and more welcoming for pupils who may be LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) or have LGBT+ families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	@JustLikeUsUK #SchoolDiversityWeek
22/06/22	Windrush Day 2022	A day to celebrate how the Windrush Generation helped to create the Black British society we know today. 22 June 2022 will mark the fourth national Windrush Day and 74 years since the SS Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in Essex in 1948 carrying the first Caribbean migrants to the UK to help re-build Britain after the Second World War.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	@BhmUK
July 2022	Young People's Book Prize	The Young People's Book Prize aims to promote literacy in young people and to inspire them to read about science. It also supports the writing of excellent, accessible STEM books for under-14s. The Prize is unique in that the winner is selected by judging panels made up of young people at schools across the country from a shortlist curated by an adult judging panel, then it is handed over to children in schools across the country to pick a winner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out how your children can contribute to the judging here. Over 450 judging panels receive a free set of shortlisted books - it's a great opportunity to receive six brilliant books aimed at enthusing and exciting children about science. Applications for participation in the judging panel close in July 2022. 	@royalsociety