

English

Celebrating English

Roald Dahl Day - 11th September 2020 *(The official date is Sunday 13th September)*

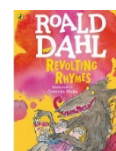
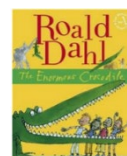


Please see the following for how our schools will work together to create a fantastic event <http://www.roalddahl.com/create-and-learn/join-in/roald-dahl-day>

In order to celebrate Roald Dahl Day, our aim is for all year groups across our family of schools to read, share or discover the following books. In your reading lesson, use extracts from the following texts to explore the works of Roald Dahl.



- Children can celebrate the day by dressing up as a Roald Dahl character
- Playtime and Lunchtime – Roald Dahl film to be played for children to watch
- All teachers to be on the playground at playtime reading a Roald Dahl story for children to listen to
- School lunches will be Roald Dahl themed to celebrate Revolting Recipes
- Writing for Purpose session should be planned in during this day.



National Poetry Day – 1st October 2020



The theme this year is **Enjoy, Discover, Share.**

National Poetry Day is an annual celebration of poetry and all things poetical. It's about everybody sharing poetry, reading poetry, writing poetry and enjoying poetry. The theme is Enjoy, Discover, Share.

In order to celebrate National Poetry Day, our aim is for all year groups across our family of schools to read, share, discover the following poems.

- Investigate the vocabulary used within the poem, clarify meaning of new words
- Discuss imagery
- Create artwork in response to the poem
- Perform the poem as a class/group
- Write your own response to the poem
- Illustrate the poem
- Explore other poetry by your year group poet
- Writing for pleasure session should be planned in on this day

Please visit the website <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/education/free-education-resource-downloads/> for more information.

BBC Radio 2's 500 Words - January 2021

'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Deadline will be early March 2021 (entries open, deadline March 2021).

Children will practice writing stories with word limits throughout the week and build up to the 500-word competition limit. More information will be given before this launch.

National Share a Story Month May 2021.

National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM) 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. Across the country Federation book groups and individuals run a whole host of events.

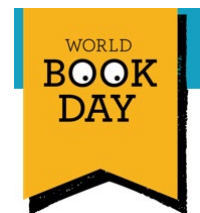
Activities during this month could include

- Assembly – retelling of a story
- Tell a story per phase across the course of a week
- Invite a Storyteller or your Patron of Reading in during the week
- Oral focused resources should be planned for e.g. puppets/role play/drama
- Build in opportunities for children to tell stories to each other
- Create videos of children telling stories to share on our website and Twitter (Do not forget GDPR!)
- Take reading and storytelling out of the classroom e.g. visit Forest School and tell stories around the sitting circle
- Invite parents and carers in for a storytelling session.

World Book Day 4th March 2021

The focus of this day will be sharing stories. Schools will launch a 15 Places to be caught reading challenge on this day. Further information will be provided about how our schools will work together to create a fantastic event.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Classes will also carry out author studies on female authors and investigate female characters as part of a joint celebration of World Book Day and International Women's day (8th March)

Activities to include



- Wearing pyjamas for the day
- An assembly where extracts from books are read out and pupils will guess which teacher has recommended the book
- Launching stories read by staff on the school Facebook page
- Investigating **female authors and female characters**

Celebrate stories, love reading

National Writing Day - 24th June 2021

Further information will be provided about how our schools will work together to create a fantastic event. <https://www.nationalwritingday.org.uk/>



Young Writers

Throughout the year, Young writers hold competitions for KS1 and KS2 pupils. The dates for these are to be confirmed. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part and be in with a chance for their work to be published. Parents can then buy a copy of the book and the school will be given some complementary copies of the book for your library as well. More details will be shared once the competitions are announced.