

Literacy with Miss P's Literacy Calendar 2020-2021

Date	Event/Project	About / Website	Suggested activities	Twitter
July 2020				
16/07/2020	Reading Together Day	Over 15 organisations collaborating to highlight the importance of reading together . Families across the country are invited to take part in the celebration of reading together on 16 July as part of the Reading Together Day , coordinated by The Reading Agency. https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/reading-together-day-announced-for-16-july-2020.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to complete the Reading Adventure Map over Summer to share in Sept. Ask families to participate in a Reading Treasure Hunt on the day (5.30pm-6.30pm) with the OU. 	#ReadingTogetherDay
July and August	Summer Reading Challenge	Taking part in the Challenge is simple – when your summer holidays start, you can sign up for free at your local library. You'll receive your very own Space Chase mission folder to get you started. Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to your folder. Collect all the stickers to find the aliens, save the missing books and complete the Challenge. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas for Schools can be found here. Ideas for families at home can be found here. 	@readingagency #SummerReadingChallenge
August 2020				
28/08/2020	Cinemagic Young Filmmaker 2020	Cinemagic Young Filmmaker 2020 will take place during the Cinemagic Festival in October. The event will showcase the best short film entries of the year and we will also be producing a series of workshops and master classes with renowned members of the film and TV industry. A digital filmmaking prize will be awarded for the best film in each age and genre category - the winning entries will also be screened during the Cinemagic International Film Festival for Young People in 2021. https://cinemagic.org.uk/young-filmmaker/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a film and submit it! Cinemagic is looking for imaginative and original films made by young people to be screened as part of CINEMAGIC YOUNG FILMMAKER 2020. The films can be about anything at all! Fact or fiction, comedy or drama, news programme or documentary. Deadline is the 28th August 2020. 	@Cinemagic
September 2020				
01/09/2020	CLPE's Back to School Support	The CLPE has released notes to help support primary schools across England to transition back into school in September. They want to encourage a sense of community across the entire school, to help teachers and children reflect on the last academic year, and help whole schools look forward to the future in a positive way. https://clpe.org.uk/aboutus/news/back-school-support-september-clpewordsfortheworld	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register to receive this unit The CLPE will send the FREE teaching unit so you can plan and prepare to use it in your class or school at the beginning of the autumn term The unit ends with an opportunity for children, teachers and even parents to produce their notes for a better world. Share your work with us across our social channels using #CLPEWordsForTheWorld. 	@CLPE1 #CLPEWordsForTheWorld
01/09/2020	Lit Film Fest	An initiative to improve literacy using filmmaking. Free English projects released each year. Key Stage 1 & Key	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try some of their FREE Classroom Projects 	@LitFilmFest

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		Stage 2 classroom resources for primary school teachers. Based on the national curriculum, projects bring literacy & computing skills together. https://litfilmfest.com/		
08/09/2020	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"> • Read the concept note, which explores this year's theme • Host a staff CPD session linked to the issues explored 	@UNESCO
13/09/2020	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"> • Explore some of the ideas of how to celebrate in the classroom with these teacher resources • 	@Roald_Dahl @RoaldDahlDay
27/09/2020	Banned Books Week	Banned Books Week (September 27 - October 3, 2020) 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. https://bannedbooksweek.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore some of the resources here • Explore some of 2019's most challenged books (USA) and the reasons behind this. • Host a discussion/debate around a book – should it be banned? 	@BannedBooksWeek #BannedBooksWeek
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 2020/21 Young Writer competition Information Pack and Poster • Download the Youth Speaks: Debate 2020/21 competition Information Pack and Poster 	@RotaryGBI
October 2020				
01/10/2020	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 2020 theme is Vision. https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry competition: write a poem with the theme 'Vision'. • Start sharing a poem a day with your class • Check out the brand new resources and activities on the National Poetry Day website 	@PoetryDayUK
All month	Black History Month	Black History Month is the Official UK guide to the events and people who make every October worth celebrating each year. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff CPD: Explore and discuss the Reflecting Realities Report • Library/Book Corner Reviews – how many books feature BAME characters/writers? 	#BlackHistoryMonth @BhmUK

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share, promote and invest in books by BAME writers 	
02/10/2020	Cheltenham Literature Festival 2020	For book lovers everywhere, The Times and The Sunday Times hosts the Cheltenham Literature Festival, which is hoping to return from 2-11 October 2020, welcoming the world's greatest writers and thinkers to Cheltenham. https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up to their newsletter for updates 	@CheltLitFest
05/10/2020	Libraries Week 2020	Libraries Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer. Each year we pick a theme and explore the innovative and surprising things that libraries are doing to support their communities. In 2020, Libraries Week will take place between the 5th and 10th October, celebrating the nation's much-loved libraries and their vital role in the UK's book culture. http://www.librariesweek.org.uk/	<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 2020 and stay up to date on this year's campaign. 	@librariesweek #LibrariesWeek
TBC	London Literature Festival	A date is yet to be set for Southbank Centre's London Literature Festival this October. It brings together today's leading writers, thinkers and cultural observers for 11 days of talks, readings, poetry and performance. Hosted at London's Southbank Centre, it was originally founded by Ted Hughes in 1967. https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/london-literature-festival#	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up to their newsletter to keep up to date (bottom of this page). 	@SouthbankCentre
Opens for 2021	Wicked Young Writers Competition	The "prestigious <i>Wicked Young Writer Awards</i> " (The Times) was established by the long- running musical <i>WICKED</i> to link the important messages of the production with a competition that would inspire young people to use creative writing to look at life a little differently. The Award recognises excellence in writing, encourages creativity, and helps develop writing talent in young people between 5-25 years old from all backgrounds and areas of the UK. https://www.wickedyoungwriterawards.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to submit entries. 	@WickedUK
November 2020				
Nov 2020	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. The Blue Peter Book Awards 2019 celebrates children's books published in the last year in two categories: the Best Story and the Best Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For updates check the website Explore the texts with your school 	@BookTrust

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		with Facts. https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/		
Nov 2020	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. https://www.costa.co.uk/behind-the-beans/costa-book-awards/welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For updates check the website • Explore the texts with your school 	@Costabookawards
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
December 2020				
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. https://www.royalmail.com/christmas/letters-to-santa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage children to write to Santa and they will receive a reply! 	@RoyalMail
January 2021				
Jan 2021	Pink Lady Apples Write It Competition	A chance to be crowned <i>Young Food Writer</i> of the Year. The competition opens in January and closes at the end of April, with the winners announced in May. https://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage children to enter the writing competition 	@pinkladyappleuk
30/01/2021	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

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February 2021				
07/02/2021	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. 	#HarryPotterBoo kNight
14/02/2021	International Book Giving Day	Pssst... 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 2021				
04/03/2021	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 plenty of online resources to support schools here. 	@WorldBookDayUK #WorldBookDay
March 2020	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. Runs March - June 2020. https://www.cilip.org.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved with the school shadowing scheme • Explore the texts with your school 	@CILIPCKG
March 2020	British Book Awards (shortlist in March, winner in May 2020)	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 2019 Shortlist and the Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2019 Shortlist. https://www.thebookseller.com/british-book-awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the shortlist with your class 	@thebookseller

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08/03/2021	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. 	#IWD2021
12/03/2021	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 12 th March – 21 st March 2021. http://www.schoolscience.co.uk/home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> 	@schoolscience
15/03/2021	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. https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access free resources now • Register to keep in touch about Shakespeare Week 2021 	@shakespeareweek
20/03/2021	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. http://www.globalstorytellingday.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share a story in assembly • Enjoy a story around a campfire with marshmallows • Encourage older classes to share stories with younger classes 	#WorldStorytellingDay
21/03/2021	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
28/03/2021	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part • Share a related story or book 	#EarthHour

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		non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet. https://www.earthhour.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	
April 2021				
02/04/2021	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 2021	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 and now we're back for our fifth year! If you love to laugh, you'll 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
April 2021	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. https://thebookerprizes.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the shortlist with your class/staff 	@ManBookerPrize
23/04/2021	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
23/04/2021	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 2021				
Early May 2021 (tbc)	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, bookstores, homes — wherever young readers and books	<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. Better yet, visit the local library! 	@everychildread

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		connect! https://everychildareader.net/cbw/cbw-resources/		
16/05/2021	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 16 th – 22 nd May 2021. Each year has a theme. https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week	<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
May 2021	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
May 2021	CLiPPA Awards – shortlist and shadowing scheme	Sign up to the shadowing scheme by May 2020. The scheme is all about getting children to read, write and perform poetry using the shortlisted works and the free teaching resources provided by CLPE. Schools then send in videos of children's performances from which 5 winning groups are selected to perform at the CLiPPA awards ceremony in July. https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/clippa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the shortlist with your class • Access poet videos on the CLPE website • Participate in the shadowing scheme 	@clpe1
June 2021				
05/06/2021	World Environment Day	World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June every year, and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment. https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 inspiring stories of people saving our planet (share one or two!) • Share and promote books with a similar theme for KS2 	@unep
23/06/2021	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. 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. Sadly, for many same-sex parents and carers, these kind of picture books can be tricky to find... https://prideinlondon.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Pride? https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693 • Share LGBTQ picturebooks that celebrate diverse families https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/lgbt-picture-books/ 	#Pride #YouMeUsWe

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