

Literacy Calendar 2021-2022

Date	Event/Project	About / Website	Resources and Links	Twitter
July 2021				
02/07/21 to 04/07/21	UKLA International Conference 2021 (Virtual)	<p>"We need to talk about Literacy." <i>Why spoken language matters in literacy learning and teaching.</i> Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th July 2021 Virtual Conference In this Conference, through reflecting on research and practice, we will consider literacy in relation to spoken language. We will explore, for example, the purpose and function of spoken language; spoken language repertoires as the basis of reading and writing; its specific features as distinct from written language; its transient nature; home language and dialect, including translanguaging; and the role of language in drama, creativity and imagination...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more about the UKLA's 56th annual conference here. View the conference brochure here. Buy your tickets for the conference here. 	<p>@The_UKLA #UKLA #UKLiteracy #UKLAchat</p>
19/06/21 or 10/07/21	Summer Reading Challenge launched	<p>Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too. We're teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! The Challenge will launch in libraries in Scotland on Saturday 19 June and in libraries in England and Wales on Saturday 10 July. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas for Schools can be found here. 2021 Schools Pack can be found here. Ideas for families at home can be found here. 	<p>@readingagency #SummerReadingChallenge</p>
31/07/21	LoveReading4Kids Poetry Prize	<p>LoveReading4Kids embarks on its third competition for children ages 7- 11 from across the UK inspired by the National Poetry Day theme of 'Choice'. The competition is looking for original poems focussed on your poet's interpretation of the theme. Teachers can submit poems in batches. The winning poet will win a visit to their school from National Poetry Day ambassador and award-winning poet Matt Goodfellow - plus £250 of book tokens from National Book Tokens to be spent on books for their school. Both Winner and Runner Up will also receive a trophy and certificate, a batch of beautiful poetry books thanks to publisher Bloomsbury and an annual subscription to the gorgeous children's magazine Scoop! The theme of National Poetry Day 2021 is Choice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. If you are a teacher entering a whole class, click here <p>Key Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for submissions is 5.30pm GMT on 31st July 2021. The Shortlist will be announced on 1st September 2021. The winning poets will be announced on National Poetry Day 2021 – 7th October. 	<p>@lovereadingskids</p>

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<p>July and August 2021</p>	<p>Summer Reading Adventure Map</p>	<p>Readers don't only read books! Children love reading Top Trumps, take away menus, comics, instructions on their Minecraft Games, birthday cards, magazines and much more! Readers who finish the adventure can share their colourful maps with us by using the hashtag #OUReadingAdventure or take them into school in September to celebrate and share their summer of reading. There are two versions, one A4 version for home printing or an A3 version for teachers to send home with readers to invite them to participate in this Summer of Reading.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Download the maps in A4 or A3 at the bottom of the page here. 	<p>@OpenUni_RfP #OUReadingAdventure</p> <p>Map created by @sadiephillips</p>
<p>July and August</p>	<p>OU and UKLA Teachers' Reading Groups</p>	<p>The Summer holiday is the perfect time to find a Teachers' Reading Group near you to join in the forthcoming academic year. The OU and UKLA are supporting over 100 virtual teachers reading groups across the UK and beyond in 2021. If you would like to join us then watch this space as meeting dates are currently being updated and displayed once we receive them. These groups provide free evidence-based CPD for teachers, teaching assistants, early years professionals, librarians, reading volunteers and others to enrich their understanding of reading for pleasure (RfP) and how to support it. The groups are led by excellent volunteer OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Group Leaders. The aims of the groups are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To foster children's reading for pleasure through supporting teachers' /members' own RfP and research-informed practice; To support the profession by building a professional community around RfP locally and online; To share teachers' resultant development work on the OU RfP website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more about OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Groups here. Look at the map to find a group near you here. 	<p>@OpenUni_RfP</p>
<p>July</p>	<p>The Diverse Book Awards 2021 – longlist announced</p>	<p>Created by The Author School. We want to highlight the best of the diverse voices published in the UK during 2020, both traditionally and self-published. We believe there's a need to showcase the talent of marginalised voices, so we came up with The DBAwards to open a space where the spotlight is on them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	<p>@The_DBAwards</p>

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Summer Holidays	Teachers' Reading Challenge	A summer reading challenge for teachers to encourage them to develop their repertoire of children's texts. Get rewards, resources and start conversations with other teachers as you discover brilliant children's books this summer. Starts in July 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Sign up here. 	@readingagency
August 2021				
06/08/2021	Cinemagic Young Filmmaker Competition 2021	Cinemagic Young Filmmaker 2021 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 2022. https://cinemagic.org.uk/young-filmmaker/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your entries here. 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 6th August 2021 	@Cinemagic
September 2021				
01/09/2021	CLPE's Back to School Campaign	<p>To support primary schools with the back to school transition in September, our expert teaching team will be creating a FREE whole school teaching unit focusing on three key texts to involve school communities in a 'learning together, growing together' focus. These three texts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Errol's Garden</i> by Gillian Hibbs – targeting children in EYFS <i>The Secret Sky Garden</i> by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers – targeting children in KS1 <i>The Promise</i> by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin – targeting children in KS2 <p>This unit will use high quality children's literature to engage children in high quality talk, reading and writing activities as they return to a new school year after a year where learning has been disrupted by the continued impact of COVID. The unit will engage the whole school community in a project that results in positive action for change in their local community, through planting in the local area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Register to receive your FREE whole school teaching unit here. 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 Autumn Term. The unit ends with an opportunity for children, teachers and even parents to share the outcomes of their work. Share your work with using #CLPEGrowingOurFuture 	@CLPE1 #CLPEGrowingOurFuture
01/09/2021	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"> Find out more here. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your videos to win a YouTube Filming Day for your class here. 	
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				
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
08/10/2021	Cheltenham Literature Festival 2021	For book lovers everywhere, The Times and The Sunday Times hosts the Cheltenham Literature Festival, which is hoping to return from 8-17 October 2021, welcoming the world's greatest writers and thinkers to Cheltenham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Sign up to their newsletter for updates 	@CheltLitFest #CheltLitFest

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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
04/10/2021	Libraries Week 2021	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 2021, Libraries Week will take place between the 4th and 10th October, celebrating the nation's much-loved libraries and their vital role in the UK's book culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 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 and stay up to date on this year's campaign. Download posters for your library here. 	@librariesweek #LibrariesWeek
21/10/2021	London Literature Festival 2021	Explore 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Sign up to their newsletter to keep up to date (bottom of this page). 	@SouthbankCentre
Postponed	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep an eye on updates here. 	@WickedUK
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

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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
13/11/21	World Kindness Day 2021	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • This year we will be holding three live World Kindness Day Virtual Assemblies for primary schools on Friday 12th November (the day before World Kindness Day). Book your place here. • Sign up to receive the resource pack here. • Empathy focus • Random Acts of Kindness challenge or calendar • Explore these lessons plans 	#WorldKindnessDay
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

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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				
Jan 2022 - tbc	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage children to enter the writing competition here. 	@pinkladyappleuk
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. 	
February 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
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

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First Week of February	Children's Mental Health Week 2022 – date TBC	Children's Mental Health Week 2021 took place from 1-7 February 2021. 2022 dates are TBC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Free resources for schools here. 	#childrensmhw
14/02/2022	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!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Give a book to children or encourage children to give a book to others Blind date with a book! Download the bookmark, poster and bookplate from the website. These are FREE to download. 	#BookGivingDay
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
March 2022	British Book Awards (shortlist in March, winner in May 2022)	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 Shortlist and the Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year Shortlist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Explore the shortlist with your class 	@thebookseller

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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. • Book focus: female protagonists. 	@womensday #IWD2022
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> 	@schoolscience
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. 	@shakespeareweek #ShakespeareWeek
20/03/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website here. • Share a story in assembly, encourage multilingual story sharing • Enjoy a story around a campfire with marshmallows • Encourage older classes to share stories with younger classes 	#WorldStorytellingDay
21/03/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Celebrate world poetry day with poems from other cultures 	@UNESCO
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

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March 2022	Children's Book Award Shortlist Announced!	The Children's Book Award is hosted by the Federation of Children's Book Groups and is voted for solely by children from start to finish. There are three award categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books for Younger Children • Books for Younger Readers • Books for Older Readers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • List announced in March, voting closes in May – explore the books and encourage your children to vote! 	@FCBGNews
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
April 2022				
02/04/22	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Celebrate books from around the globe! 	@ibbyint
April 2022	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 sixth year! If you love to laugh, you'll love the Lollies!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Encourage children to vote for their favourite book • Explore the lollies shortlist with your class/year/school 	@scholasticuk
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

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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				
Early May 2022 (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 connect!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website. • 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
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
May 2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore the shortlist with your class • Access poet videos on the CLPE website • Participate in the shadowing scheme 	@clpe1
May 2022	Spark Book Awards 2022	Winners announced in May 2022. The Spark Awards are an independent set of awards supported by both Kingston and Richmond Councils and in particular by Achieving for Children , who oversee education across the two boroughs and who are providing time and resources to the project, although it is largely funded by the schools themselves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Resources, including shortlist and longlist posters for your classroom or library, can be found here. 	@sparkbookaward
May 2022	The Alligator's Mouth Book Awards Announced	Five books have been shortlisted for The Alligator's Mouth Award 2021, which champions authors and illustrators of highly illustrated children's fiction. The children's book prize celebrates the best books for 6-8-year-olds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. 	@alligatorsmouth #alligatorsaward

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May 2022	Information Book Award Shortlist Announced!	The Information Book Award is an annual event, now in its eleventh year, and was a major development for information books. It has been designed to support school libraries and to reinforce the importance of non-fiction whilst highlighting the high standard of resources available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	@uksla
May 2022	Klaus Flugge Prize Announced!	The shortlist for the Klaus Flugge Prize is announced today (Wednesday 19 May). Established in 2016, the prize was set up to honour Klaus Flugge, founder of Andersen Press and an extremely influential figure in children's picture books. It is awarded to the most promising and exciting newcomer to children's picture book illustration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	@KlausFluggePr #KlausFluggePrize
May 2022	Waterstone's Children's Book Prize	The Waterstones Children's Book Prize is a celebration of the finest talents in children's writing and illustration as voted for by Waterstones booksellers. Shortlist released in May.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 	
June 2022				
05/06/2022	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 20 inspiring stories of people saving our planet (share one or two!) Share and promote books with a similar theme for KS2 	@unep
09/06/2022	Empathy Day	Empathy Day is dedicated to celebrating the importance of empathy and the vital role that books and reading play in helping young people develop key empathy skills. The theme for 2022 is 'Empathy as a Super Power'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. 2022 theme is 'empathy as a super power' 	@EmpathyLabUK #EmpathyDay #ReadforEmpathy
23/06/2022	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. Each year has a new theme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Participate in the challenge! Find lesson plans, short writing prompts, videos and competitions on the resources page. 	@writeday
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

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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
June/July 2022 - TBC	Little Rebels Award 2022	The Little Rebels Award celebrates children's fiction which challenges stereotypes, promotes social justice and advocates for a more peaceful and fairer world. The titles on this year's shortlist explore environmental activism, neurodiversity, the legacy of the Scottish witch trials, the pressure of social conformity, the ethics of AI, tech politics and data privacy, fake news, feminism, labelling and expectation, fleeing warfare and seeking asylum, homelessness, body positivity, and more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out more here. Shortlist announced in May usually 	@littlerebsprize #LittleRebelsAward
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