



What a glorious time of year to be a trainee teacher, inspiring young minds ... spring bulbs are in full bloom; the days are getting warmer and lighter, and the summer term is almost upon us (how did that happen?!) Let us bask in the rays of the returning sun and send out positivity to all.

#easter #ramadan #inspire #learn #grow

Easter 2022



This year, more than ever, there is a need to send out a message of love, hope and positivity to our children. They have endured so much adversity and struggle in their little lives, and now they are experiencing another: war in Europe. Easter is a time of rebirth, celebrating new life and hope – hope in a brighter, better tomorrow. That message is important, whatever your religious beliefs or affiliations. Let's spread a message of joy, love and hope this Easter.



NATRE (The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education) has lots of fabulous, free resources available for the Easter period, Ks1 link here:

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-1/>



Ramadan

As Ramadan approaches (2nd April), children may wonder why their Muslim friends are not eating. You may be wondering about Ramadan and its purpose. Here is a little insight from: www.littlemuslimbooks.co.uk

What is Ramadan?

Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam. Although one can fast throughout the year, this pillar is most associated with the month of Ramadan.

The word Ramadan is derived from the Arabic word *ramada* which means intense scorching heat and dryness.

The word Ramadan refers to the intense heat in the stomach due to thirst, but Ramadan also has another

Ramadan for children

Ramadan is a blessing from Allah. Fasting is an obligation for Muslims above the age of puberty; however, children who are under the age of puberty also need to learn about fasting and Ramadan. They may be unable to Fast for the whole day, but they can still take part in other religious activities such as reciting the Quran, restraining from the use of any abusive language.

With children, it is important to ensure that they learn to enjoy Islam and Ramadan as this enjoyment is likely to spark an interest in Ramadan when it does approach.



Fun activities with children:

Make a Ramadan Bookmark for the Quran. ...

Create a Ramadan Advent Calendar. ...

Read Ramadan Children's Books Together. ...

Make Paper Lanterns. ...

Make a Charity Jar. Learn about the Moon Together. ...

Decorate the classroom. ... [Ten-Ramadan-activities/](#)

meaning as the good deeds scorch the sins and evil of a Muslim so, Ramadan is the month in which the sins are washed away by the good deeds.

Ramadan helps in moulding, shaping, and reforming the spiritual and moral aspects of the human being.

The duration of Ramadan is about 29-30 days and finishes on the celebration of Eid-UI-Fitr.

Once Ramadan begins, fasting becomes an obligation on every able Muslim above the age of puberty.

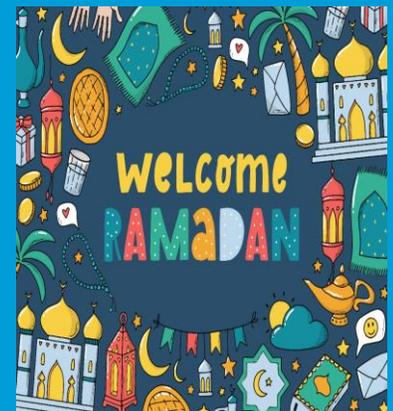
“Sawm” is the word used for fasting in the Quran which means to abstain. The main purpose of Fasting is so we can learn Taqwa (Piety). Fasting has different rules that are to be followed from Sahur (the pre-dawn meal) to Iftar.

EASTER AROUND THE WORLD ...

Spend some time researching Easter traditions around the world – a great opportunity to get out those atlases and globes and work some geography into your day!

You could start with these ...

1. The Easter Bilby - Australia.
2. The world's biggest Easter omelette - France.
3. A time to splash out - Hungary.
4. The witches of Easter-wick - Finland.
5. The Easter bunny sees red - Greece
6. The Great Easter bunny hunt - New Zealand



Don't forget to include reading into your Easter and Ramadan activities!

Showing support - flying the flag for Ukraine

If you currently support or are about to start supporting Ukrainian families in your school, LanguageNut are offering **free** access to our resources to enable **English** to be learned with **Ukrainian as a support language**. This offer is for any school even if you are not a current LanguageNut subscriber. Please email lucas@languagenut.com to get access.

LanguageNut announces Free EAL resources for Ukrainian Refugees



Ukrainian

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Dates for the diary ...

World Autism Acceptance Week (& Awareness Day)

28th March – 3rd April 2022

International Children's Book Day

2nd April 2022

World Heritage Day

18th April 2022

National Shakespeare Day

23rd April 2022

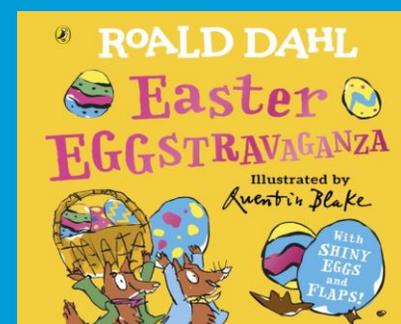
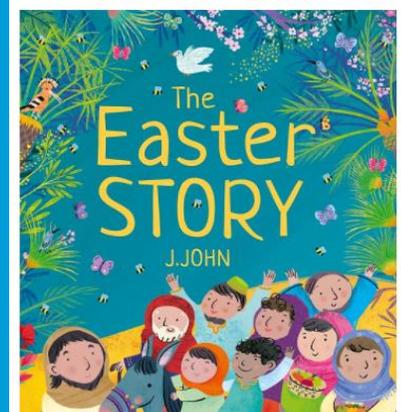
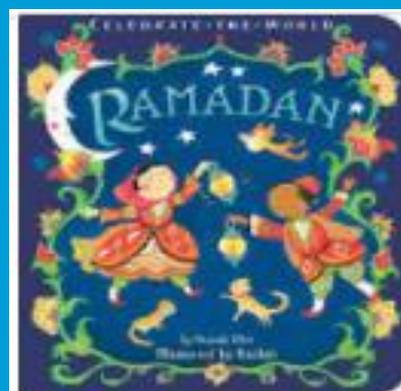
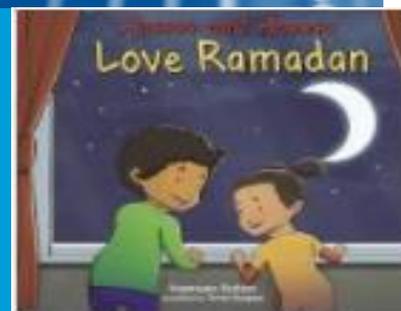
St. George's Day

23rd April 2022

World Book Night

23rd April 2022

Top Edu-Twitter picks this month ...





Anne Thompson @Alibrarylady · 1h

Hello children's book lovers. In case you missed it over the weekend here's my latest newsletter. Lots of great book related links to explore. Happy reading!

Reading Matters - children's book news



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Welcome to this week's round up of what has been happening in the world of children's books. What I'm reading... The Secret of the ...

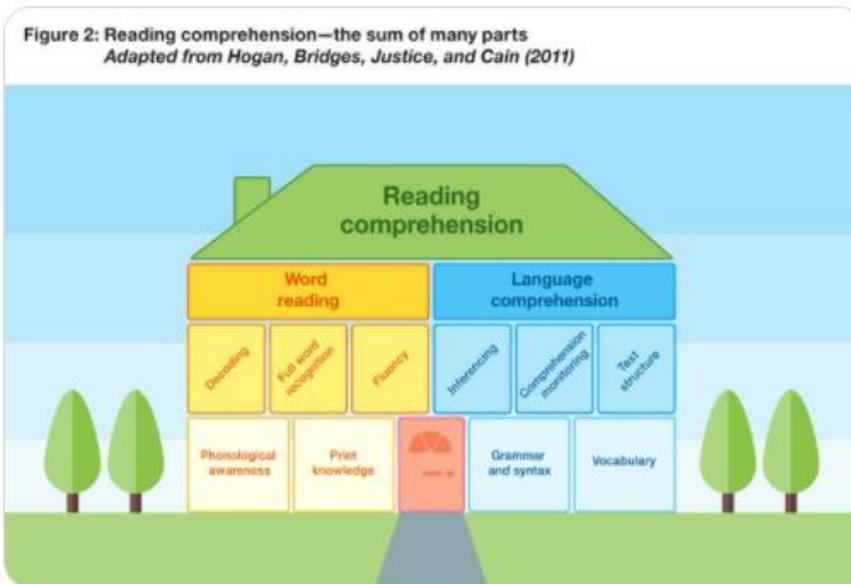
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Our updated Key Stage 2 Literacy guidance includes the 'reading comprehension house', which illustrates the component elements of reading, supporting teachers to consider each in their approach.

Find out more: eef.li/literacy-ks2/



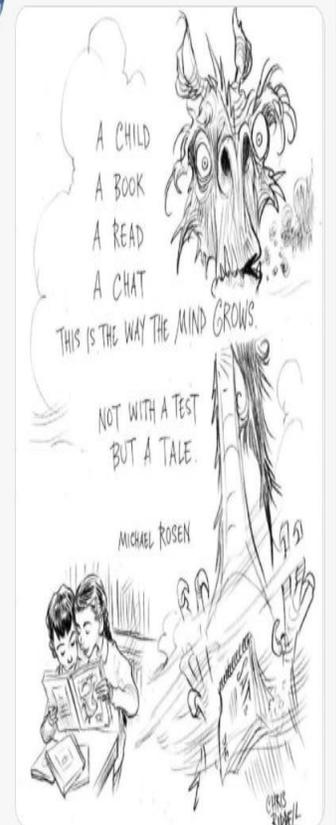
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one profession
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other
professions"

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