

# North West SCITT Curriculum Newsletter

## GREAT EXCUSES TO READ, READ,

September 6<sup>th</sup> was 'National Read a Book Day', 8<sup>th</sup> September was 'Read Hour' (2-3pm) and September 13<sup>th</sup> was 'Roald Dahl Day' – perfect excuses to encourage children to read.

But don't worry – you haven't missed out on the opportunities to get involved because Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October is 'National Poetry Day' and this year's theme is 'THE ENVIRONMENT', so get your children, involved in choosing their favourite poem and poets – and get them thinking about their environment at the same time: win-win!

Why not take a local nature walk to inspire them? Just remember to be creative and have fun!



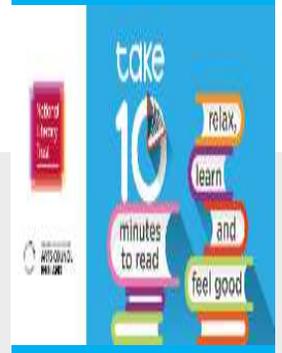
**TAKE 10 minutes to read, relax, learn, and feel good**

The Take 10 Challenge (National Literacy Trust) encourages people to read for just 10 minutes a day to improve their wellbeing and support their literacy.

The NLT holds national 'Take 10 Moments' where people across the UK drop everything and read together for 10 minutes.



[www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk](http://www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk)

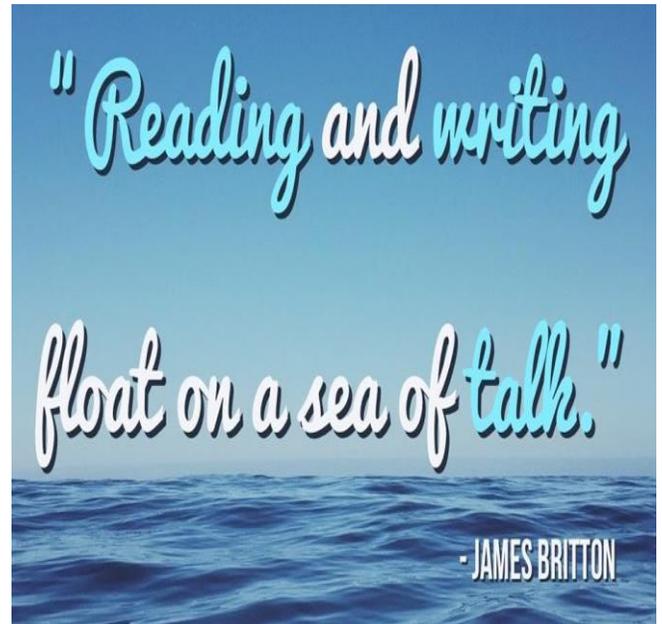




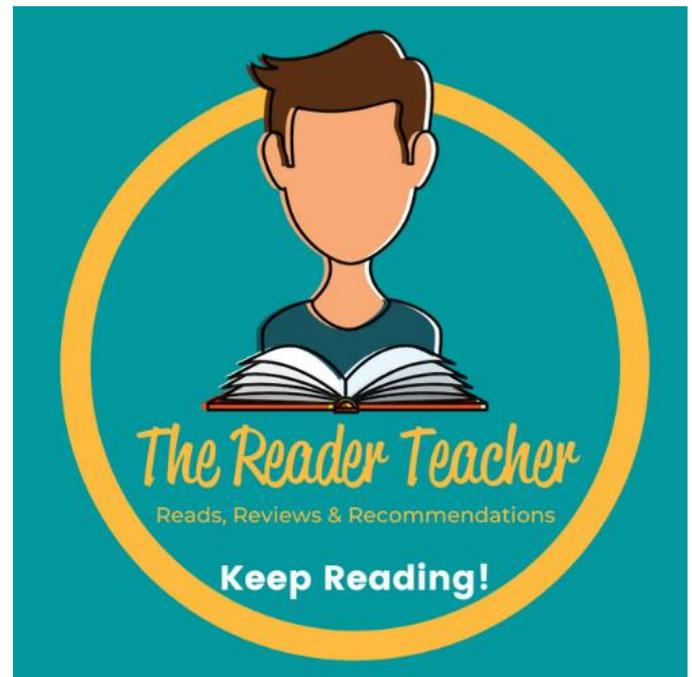
## Get children talking!



<https://wordwall.net/resource/3902670/getting-to-know-you>



Recommended websites to inspire your reading:  
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>  
<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>



READING ALOUD IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE DO WITH OUR CLASS...SO KEEP READING!

# The Rights of the Reader

by Daniel Pennac  
illustrated by Quentin Blake



1 The right not to read.



2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights — 1 warning  
Don't make fun of people  
who don't read —  
or they never will.





# Litter is Rubbish

by Tony Walsh

Just look at all that lousy litter! What a massive mess!  
The litterbugs have dropped it there, it's like they don't care less  
Just chucking mucky yucky stuff from trucks and cars and vans  
And flicking icky sticky stuff and kicking cola cans  
It's here, it's there, it's everywhere; there's rubbish all around  
It's swirling, whirling in the wind and groaning on the ground  
It's gushing in the gutters and the bushes and the trees  
It's time to make it stop because it's nearly near our knees!  
So please don't drop it, if we stop it everybody wins  
Just put your flipping litter in the flipping litter bins!



There's pieces on the pavement and the paths beneath our feet  
There's bits to trip and slip on simply slung across the street  
There's sweet wrappers and treat wrappers and loads of mouldy food  
There's nasty stuff like pasty crusts and half the food's half-chewed  
There's burger boxes, bakers' bags and smokers' cigarettes  
There's grimy, slimy piles for miles, all soggy sopping wet  
There's germs and junk and gloopy gunk and grotty, greasy grub  
There's often shocking shedloads close to shops and schools and pubs  
So please don't drop it, if we stop it everybody wins  
Just put your flipping litter in the flipping litter bins!



There's chip packets and crisp packets and broken glass and tins  
There's lazy people, crazy people, walking past the bins  
And putting parts of pizzas on a stack of stuff that stinks  
But why do people leave it there? And why don't people think?



There's lumps and clumps of chewing gum, stuck everywhere like glue  
I dread it when I tread in it and get it on my shoe  
There's wasps and flies and, no surprise, there's even rats and mice  
That trash attracts and that's a fact and that's not very nice  
So please don't drop it, if we stop it everybody wins  
Just put your flipping litter in the flipping litter bins!

It's piled up in the playground, in the park and at the beach  
When, easy peezy lemon squeezy, bins are near to reach!  
Just be aware and take some care. This place could be so nice  
Just take away your takeaway and hear this clear advice  
It isn't hard! It doesn't cost! There's often bins close by  
And if there's not then, hey, guess what, there IS no reason why  
Just keep a hold and take it home, re-cycle if you can  
It's so much cleaner, so much greener, such a simple plan  
So please don't drop it, if we stop it everybody wins  
Just put your flipping litter in the flipping litter bins!

I said, please don't drop it, if we stop it, everybody wins  
Just put your flipping litter in the flipping litter bins!

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## Looking ahead ... October ...

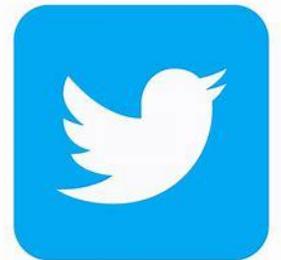
As the days get shorter and the nights draw in, October is the month when we celebrate Halloween and have a break from school for Half Term, celebrate Black History Month and get creative with the Big Draw Festival. Look out for the October issue of our curriculum newsletter for ideas and inspiration.



Contact me if you would like a 'shout out' about something you have been doing in your school, or if you have a super resource/ idea/ link to share with your fellow trainees ...

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