

North West SCITT

Curriculum Newsletter

GREAT EXCUSES TO READ, READ, READ

September 6th was 'National Read a Book Day', 8th September was 'Read Hour' and September 13th was 'Roald Dahl Day' – perfect excuses to encourage children to read, read, read!



But don't worry – you haven't missed out on the opportunities to get involved because Thursday 7th October is 'National Poetry Day' and this year's theme is 'CHOICE', so get your children, involved in choosing their favourite poem and poets.

Be creative, have fun – that is what poetry is all about.

Remember:

"Reading and writing float on a sea of talk."

- JAMES BRITTON

TAKE 10

What is Take 10?

The 'Take 10 Challenge' encourages people to read for just 10 minutes a day to improve their wellbeing and support their literacy.

First developed by the Read Manchester Literacy Campaign, 'Take 10' now inspires children, families and organisations nationally.

To inspire people to take up and continue the challenge, the National Literacy Trust hold national 'Take 10 Moments' where thousands of people across the UK drop everything and read together for 10 minutes.

A GREAT RESOURCE FOR PSHE

Get the children talking!



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

Sit back and relax on National Teachers' Day as Konnie Huq, Blue Peter Presenter and children's book author, takes over your classroom for an hour of Science experiments, STEM fun and book activities!

Register now to receive your bundle of freebies (including tea, biscuits and Special Cookie-themed classroom decorations).

The event will run twice on the day:

Tuesday 5/10 at 11am

Tuesday 5/10 at 2pm





RIGHTS OF THE READER – READING ALOUD IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE DO WITH OUR CLASS

Recommended websites to inspire your reading:

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

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

Simon Smith @ smithsmm reading lists for every year group, e.g.

<https://smithsmm.wordpress.com/2021/08/22/more-picturebooks-for-year-3-list-3/>



CHANGING FACES – TEACHING ABOUT VISIBLE DIFFERENCE



'A World of Difference' lesson plans from 'Changing Faces', a charity providing wellbeing support and counselling for anyone with a visible difference — a scar, mark or condition that affects their appearance.

In the UK today there are 86,000 children of school age who have a visible difference. Changing Faces found that almost half of children with an unusual appearance have experienced bullying based on how they look. And that only 3 in 10 young people would consider being friends with someone who had a visible difference, which explains why many children and young people who look different have reported experiencing isolation and loneliness.

The 'A World of Difference' key stage 2 and key stage 3 resources will:

- help students recognise and challenge stereotypes of visible difference through examples, activities and discussion.
- encourage students to develop understanding, empathy and celebrate difference.

The teacher guidance (including lesson plan) and accompanying slides will support the delivery of rights-based approaches to learning, as well as statutory RSHE content on respectful friendships/relationships, caring friendships, and online relationships/media.

<https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/>

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