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Literacy Calendar

January 2024

Reading Champions STEM Challenge: We Wonder - Journey into Space

- **Date:** Launching 16 January
- Following the framework of 'read, launch, navigate', students will be tasked with designing their own rocket and planning a journey into space for our new challenge in partnership with Turner & Townsend

Holocaust Memorial Day

- **Date:** 27 January 2024
- Developed in partnership with trusted experts, our resources and events support students to understand the terrible impact of the Holocaust, and reflect on actions we can take to secure a safer future.

National Storytelling Week

- **Date:** 27 January to 4 February 2024
- A week-long celebration of stories – spoken or written – encouraging creativity and self-expression enabling children to tell their own stories.

Wicked Writers: Be the Change writing competition

- **Date:** Launches 29 January 2024
- In partnership with acclaimed stage-musical Wicked, this persuasive writing competition for pupils aged 9 to 14 focuses on positive changes they would like to make for the environment.

February 2024

Children's Mental Health Week

- **Date:** 5 to 11 February 2024
- Shining a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health, and building on research findings that link literacy engagement with wellbeing.

Safer Internet Day

- **Date:** 6 February 2024
- Support pupils to develop critical and digital literacy skills helping them to navigate news, information and the digital environment safely.
- **NewsWise cross-curricular news literacy resources**
- **Classroom discussion activity: online communication and wellbeing**

March 2024

World Book Day

- **Date:** 7 March 2024
- Join with us for this annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.

National Careers Week

- **Date:** early March 2024 (tbc)
- Support aspirations and challenge stereotypes as we help pupils develop the literacy skills they need for future careers.

International Women's Day

- **Date:** 8 March 2024

Red Nose Day

- **Date:** 15 March 2024
- Through Red Nose Day, the **Comic Relief** charity raises funds to support a vision of a just world, free from poverty.
- **BBC Comedy Classroom**

Events in the Summer Term 2024 calendar

April 2024

Earth Day

- **Date: 22 April 2024**
- **Earth Day is an annual celebration that raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. Caring for the Planet: Young Readers booklist**

TCS London Marathon

- **Date:** 21 April 2024
- In addition to the main event around the capital city, the TCS Mini London Marathon in schools asks pupils to run, jog, walk or wheel one mile in their school. Our library resources include warm-up activities to energise minds and bodies, along with a host of reading, writing and oracy ideas linked to marathon running.

June 2024

Empathy Day

- **Date:** 6 June 2024
- Read the National Literacy Trust's blog about why empathy matters, and how it links to reading: **Empathy Day: Reading for pleasure and empathy**
- Discover the **Read for Empathy collection** from our friends at Empathy Lab

National Writing Day

- **Date:** tbc June 2024
- An annual celebration of the power of writing creatively, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

Refugee Week

- **Date:** 17 to 21 June 2024

Pride Month

- **Date:** 1-30 June 2024
- **Pride month: book-based literacy activities**
- **LGBTQIA+ booklist for ages 5 to 16**

July 2024

Transition preparation

- **Date:** 1-31 July 2024
- **Tales from the Inner City by Shaun Tan – literacy transition project**
- **Cosmic - an intergalactic literacy transition project**
- **Books for big change: transition to secondary school**