## Reading and Library calendar 2023/24

Date	Event	About	Resources/Links
<u>September</u>	Back to school and	Welcome a new class with engaging stories and	Introduction again to the library:
2023	settling in	encourage reading for pleasure.  Back to school: reading for pleasure transition activities (ages 5-14)  Starting nursery and reception: wellbeing resources (early years)  Dewey Decimal System	<ul> <li>Rules</li> <li>Expectations</li> <li>Fiction/non-fiction</li> <li>Library ambassadors to be nominated and shared with KP by 15th September.</li> <li>Document on the server.</li> </ul>
13 September 2023	Roald Dahl's birthday	Celebrate with stories and activities in library sessions this week.	Roald Dahl display in the library and promotion of books/rhymes.  What's your favourite Roald Dahl book? Why?  Ask year 5/6 to create a book review for assembly.  Roald Dahl competition- run for 2 weeks?

YI & 2 — 26th Sep 8:15 am  Y3 & 4 — 27th 8:15 am  Y5 & 6 — 28th 8:15 am	Booky Breakfast	Invite parents/carers to come into the library and read with their child. Providing light regreshments.  Promoting reading for pleasure and engagement in reading, reading related activities out for children to engage with too.	Year group staff to support where possible.  KP and SB to run.
1-31 October 2023	Black History Month	Black History Month found its way to the UK in 1987 pollowing 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 Windrush. 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.	Find out more here. Focus on BAME characters/writers.  Topic box available from the library for staff to use  Explore BBC Teaching resources here.  Share and promote books by BAME writers in the library.  Library competition linked to theme to be launched.  75 years since Windrush.

5 October 2023  Poem for YI & 2  Poem for Lower KS2  Poem for	National Poetry Day  Competition — best poem about Reguge.	A whole-school opportunity to encourage pupils to make, experience, share and enjoy poetry.  The National Poetry Day 2023 theme will be reguge.  Teachers to share given poem in their reading lesson that day. Lots of discussion.	National Poetry Day resources (Key Stages 2 and 3)  Poetry in the early years foundation stage  Share poems in assembly
upper KSI  8th October  2023	Libraries Week  Involve library ambassadors in promotional video library.	Celebrate the important role libraries play in our schools and communities and encourage children to explore and engage with their school library and reading spaces.  Brilliant ideas to encourage reading for pleasure (primary)  Learn more about our work within the Primary School Library Alliance and about Libraries Week	Find out more here  DEAR around the school (time to be confirmed)  Signed up for free virtual author event with Tom Percival. 9.45.  Involve library ambassadors from year 1 to year 6.
10 October 2023	World Mental Health Day	Promote reading as an effective way of helping people take care of their mental health and wellbeing.	Take 10 to read-DEAR ALERT On the day  My Dear New Friend

October	DI I. Liv I M II.	DI . I. Li. I	Writing letters for your local care home can help to combat loneliness among older adults while increasing pupils' motivation to write.  Find out more here. Focus on BAME
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W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Bonfire Night, Diwali and Fireworks Festivals.  Author Megan Rix visiting year 5/6 — 10th November.	Accessible inspiration for reading, writing, speaking and listening activities with a fireworks theme suitable for marking Diwali, Bonfire Night or both!	Hot topic: fireworks and festivals

		5/6 to look at Megan's books in library session week before and create questions to ask. KP to create structure of questions from the children.	
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	'I love to write day' (15 <sup>th</sup> November)	I Love to Write day was founded by author John Riddle, a non-fiction and self-help writer, to get kids writing in schools and encourage adults to rekindle an old dream.	I Love to Write Day (November 15th) & Days Of The Year
		The aim is to get people to sit down and put something on paper or on a computer, however short and in whatever style, kick-starting their writing and giving them confidence through being part of a global movement.	
		Invite the children to write a poem, greeting card, short story and display in library.	
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Fiction November	Looking at different types of NF books in library	Non Fiction November 2023 & National Literacy
November	focus.	sessions across year groups — children to create	Trust
2023	Promoting online book	book reviews with NF books to show in assembly.	Events and resources to celebrate non-fiction
	fair to children in library	For National Non-Fiction November, we wanted to	November
	sessions	investigate the effect of reading non-fiction and	

		what our young non-fiction readers care about. In	D. 1 . I.I
	V 0l.		Display in library
	Year One visiting	2022, more than half (56%) of children and young	
	Pulnoe Library	people told us that they read non-fiction. As our	
	(20th, 22nd and 24th Nov)	research demonstrates, providing pupils with the	
		opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a	
		vital role in helping them to learn about their world,	
		as well as fostering reading for pleasure. Therefore,	
		ensuring the provision of variety, a wide range of	
		topics and exciting texts in your non-fiction collection	
		is key to meeting children's varied interests, and to	
		also inspire new ones!	
W/C 27 <sup>th</sup>	What makes up a book?	Designing our own book covers in library sessions,	Parts of a Book
November	Discussing parts of a	focus on discussing why it is important looking after	Click Clack
2023	book during library	books, what do different parts of the book mean?	By Doren Croin
	sessions. (Tille, cover,	Differences between fiction and non-fiction	Illustrated by: Betry Lewin
	blurb, who is the	,	front-blue spine-yellow back-red author-purple
	illustrator and who is the		illustrator=orange title=green
	author?)	Virtual Book Fair – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>–</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> December.	
W/C 4th	'Winter Wonderland'	Classes to create book review on the Polar Express, to	THE POLAR EXPRESS
December	theme. Focus on the	show in assembly.	The state of the s
2023	Polar Express book and	Also, activities in library session will be based	The state of the s
	activities based around	around Polar Express.	
	this. Older children to	,	

	read Polar Express to the class.		
W/C II <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Focus sessions on 'The Christmas Truce' ask children to read to the class/discuss the themes	Amid the horror of the fighting in the First World War, there was one moment of unexpected and surprising harmony. On Christmas Eve 1914 the soldiers from opposing sides of No Man's Land joined together in the singing of a carol. Stille Nacht was begun by the German soldiers; Silent Night followed as the British soldiers joined in. The next day, weapons were laid down and the two sides played an impromptu game of football. In a simple and well-phrased text and evocative illustrations this moment of truce is finely captured.	Christmas Truce The Place Where Peace Was found  A Military College to Madein Ingress  A Military College to
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Chrislmas Holidays (from 19 <sup>th</sup> )		