

# Literacy and Numeracy Bulletin

The purpose of this bulletin is to update you on Literacy and Numeracy developments and resources across all key stages

Welcome to GwE's Literacy and Numeracy Bulletin! We know how busy class teachers are, so we've sifted through the mountain of information and resources that are available about these national priorities to try and make life easier! We hope that you find it useful and would welcome any feedback that you may have so that we can tailor future bulletins to meet your needs.

## Resources- What's available online?

### Literacy

#### LoveReading4kids



Looking for texts for your new topics and class reads? Try **LoveReading4kids**, where you will find award winning books and recommendations for all age groups.

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/#>



BookTrust is looking for year 5 and 6 pupils to judge this year's Blue Peter Book Awards. You can find more information on the website and download a registration form there too! The deadline to register is 21 October 2016.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/prizes/2>



#### ***We must never underestimate the vital importance of promoting the enjoyment of reading!***

Reading the **Read on. Get on.** report helps us, as professionals, understand how important the enjoyment of reading is, to unlocking the full potential of our young learners.

[https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/Read\\_On\\_Get\\_On.pdf](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/Read_On_Get_On.pdf)

### Numeracy



A selection of maths resources aimed at 3 to 16 year olds to encourage parents/carers to engage with their children and support them with their maths homework have been produced. These resources are to be used in conjunction with online videos which can be found at [www.facebook.com/beginsathome](http://www.facebook.com/beginsathome)

For more information and resources about the education begins at home campaign you can download the **campaign information pack**

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/schoolhome/parents/education-begins-at-home/?lang=en&bm>



**BBC bitesize** has created a suite of free bilingual resources to support the new GCSE qualifications. They include learner guides, video clips designed to cover the latest GCSE Maths Numeracy syllabus, maths problems in real-world situations and also demonstrate the most efficient ways to calculate the correct solution.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zc8tfrd>

#### ***Maths Mini Puzzle @GarethFfowc***

Gareth Ffowc Roberts has been setting daily maths puzzles on Twitter since 2012. They are set by **@GarethFfowc** early each weekday morning using **#puzzleoftheday**.

Friday puzzles will now be targeted specifically at children in the 6-8 age range. As **#minipuzzle** on Twitter– they will be a ready resource for both teachers and parents, promoting an image of mathematics as an activity to be enjoyed.

## Important dates

### National Reading and Numeracy Tests 2017

The dates for the 2017 National Tests have been set as follows:

**Secondary Schools: 26 April – 10 May 2017**

**Primary Schools: 3 – 10 May 2017**

**Middle Schools: 26 April – 10 May 2017**

## Important Information

### End of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 assessment and statutory school target setting requirements.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education has decided to **withdraw the decision to amend the expected levels for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3** and therefore any resulting amendments to the target setting regulations, to increase the expected level of achievement for learners in English, Welsh (first language) and Mathematics at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3 from Summer 2018. A copy of the letter sent to the education sector can be found [here](#).



LEARN TOGETHER CYMRU

Volunteers Supporting Learning in Schools and Communities **Learn Together Cymru** is an exciting new project to recruit local volunteers who want to help out in schools (primary and secondary) across North Wales to help, support and contribute to the process of developing children and young people's literacy and numeracy skills.

To get involved and the support available to schools, please contact –

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## Pori drwy Stori

Reception teachers, find all your latest resources for the Autumn term here on **Pori Drwy Stori**:

<http://poridrwystori.booktrust.org.uk/>



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