

# Literacy and Numeracy Bulletin

The purpose of this bulletin is to update you on Literacy and Numeracy developments

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.

## Literacy



### 500 words -What story will you write?

Encourage your pupils to write a 500 word story, on any theme, and submit online in the BBC Radio 2 write 500 words competition. The winning story will be read live on air.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3M7PTxp3qJ0jk2FQbDJng9p/500-words-what-story-will-you-write>



The National Literacy Trust still have a number of Premier League Reading Stars packs left. If there are schools who would like to run the programme again you can email the NLT or [nicolaromaine@gwegogleded.cymru](mailto:nicolaromaine@gwegogleded.cymru) and request another resource pack. The website is also a fantastic tool to motivate students to read and the short sharp comprehension activities can be used by any number of students and activity monitored by the teacher.

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/premier\\_league\\_reading\\_stars\\_cymru](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/premier_league_reading_stars_cymru)



### Literacy and Numeracy

My Learning – Learning with museums libraries and archives'

My Learning offers National Curriculum-linked resources for teachers and learners, inspired by the collections of arts, heritage and cultural organisations. Some great ideas for supporting Literacy and Numeracy

[www.mylearning.org/](http://www.mylearning.org/)

## Hwb

### Thinking about Digital Competence?

Take a look at Tackle's KS2 resource: Using ICT in the classroom. Lots of ideas for incorporating digital skills across the curriculum.

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources/resource/f63219b6-8903-44be-94b4-456808528cf6/en>

## Numeracy



### Reasoning in the classroom

The Reasoning in the classroom materials provide teachers with an array of different activities, using a wide range of delivery approaches with coverage across the LNF. The materials are presented for each year group: however, they can readily be adapted for use with other year groups.

<http://learning.gov.wales/resources/learningpacks/reasoning-in-the-classroom/?skip=1&lang=cy>



### Assessment for Learning

A free online course with Dylan Wiliam and Christine Harrison  
This course will help STEM ( science, technology, Engineering and mathematics) teachers get to grip with Assessment for Learning.

Join NOW – Course starts on 22 February.

[https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/assessment-for-learning-stem?utm\\_source=FL\\_DB&utm\\_medium=crm&utm\\_campaign=02\\_12\\_2015\\_FL\\_newsletter&utm\\_content=text](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/assessment-for-learning-stem?utm_source=FL_DB&utm_medium=crm&utm_campaign=02_12_2015_FL_newsletter&utm_content=text)



### Level 1 Foundation course in Philosophy for Children (P4C)

16 & 17 March 2016, A1 Conference Centre, Pontypridd

If you want to get learners thinking critically and creatively and increase their participation and engagement in lessons, then this 2-day course is for you. It provides a full introduction to the Philosophy for Children method of education. E- mail [martinpollard@wcia.org.uk](mailto:martinpollard@wcia.org.uk) for further information.

## Best Practice



### A dedicated manager to monitor literacy and numeracy skills development

Ysgol Glan Gele in Abergele were keen to ensure that planning for the literacy and numeracy skills framework was given the highest priority. Working together in staff and year group meetings to map out specific skills in their plans, the school has seen significant improvements in pupils' literacy and numeracy skills.

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/best-practice/dedicated-manager-monitor-literacy-and-numeracy-skills-development>



### Teaching practices create high quality learning experiences

Stanwell School is focused on creating a climate of mutual respect between teachers and pupils. The school has high expectations which have boosted success rates across the curriculum for all groups of learners.

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/best-practice/teaching-practices-create-high-quality-learning-experiences>



### Annual Report 2014-15

Read the Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2014-15 for the most recent evaluation of education and training:

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/annual-report>

## Pori Drwy Stori

Here is this term's featured booklist and suggested books and themes to work alongside the Pori Drwy Stori resources.

<http://poridrwystori.booktrust.org.uk/books/booklist/215>

