

# 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.



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## Resources- What's available online?

### Literacy

**Tom Palmer** [www.tompalmer.co.uk](http://www.tompalmer.co.uk)

Children's Author Tom Palmer offers exciting ways of promoting reading through rugby and football and capturing children's imagination. Visit his website to sign up for a regular e-newsletter that informs teachers of new writing and literacy resources, Top 10 tips and a website quiz about his books and writing. An e-newsletter is also available for young readers.

**World Book Day** [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

Following yet another successful World Book day remember that the 'World Book Day Fest page for primary schools' is packed with resources, games, videos, ideas and inspiration to help you celebrate books and reading all year round:

<http://worldbookday.com/resources/primary/>

### Numeracy

**Sustrans Cymru** [www.sustrans.org.uk/wales](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/wales)

The Sustrans website contains classroom resource packs to meet Literacy and Numeracy Framework outcomes at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 through the topic of active travel. Click on the following link for a year 5 and 6 numeracy activity - What is the safest way to walk / cycle to school?  
[http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/files/wales/education\\_and\\_young\\_people/Activity\\_2.pdf](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/files/wales/education_and_young_people/Activity_2.pdf)

**Crickweb** [www.Crickweb.co.uk](http://www.Crickweb.co.uk)

The Crickweb website offers free online educational resources and games. The following link has Interactive resources for KS2 maths games:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

## What's new on Learning Wales?

### Foundation Phase-First Steps Outdoors

*First steps outdoors* is a really useful guide that will support teachers in developing exciting and stimulating outdoor spaces where young children can play, learn and grow.

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/docs/learningwales/publications/141013-first-steps-outdoors-en.pdf>

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/docs/learningwales/publications/141013-further-steps-outdoors-cy.pdf>

## Welsh Government publications

### Independent Review of Curriculum and Assessment Arrangements in Wales – Successful Futures

Professor Donaldson has identified very real strengths in Wales, including the Foundation Phase and the commitment to the Welsh language and culture on which we can build. His report also identifies the shortcomings of the current curriculum arrangements and has made a series of recommendations to address these and improve how children in Welsh schools are taught and assessed.

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/curriculuminwales/curriculum-for-wales/?lang=en>

### National Literacy and Numeracy Tests

The Welsh Government has produced guidance booklets to provide parents/carers with information explaining what the tests involve and how the results will be reported. Hard copies for parents of Year 2 children only will be sent to schools. Further electronic copies will be available online



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## NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTING WINDOW

**Secondary**  
29<sup>th</sup> of April – 12<sup>th</sup> of May  
**Primary**  
5<sup>th</sup> of May – 12<sup>th</sup> of May

## Training for Primary and Secondary Schools

### Numerical Reasoning – Supported Marking Sessions

#### Secondary

NFER have written to all secondary schools to offer supported marking sessions for year 7-9 Numerical Reasoning training. Regional training will take place at **Venue Cymru, Llandudno on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.**

#### Primary

New for this year, will be supported marking sessions for primary schools. Held locally, one of the Numeracy Associate Partners will be in touch following the Easter break with details. These sessions will be held immediately after the testing window. Schools may wish to use their RNTSG grant to release their numeracy coordinator to attend.

### NSP Training

During the summer term the NSP will be providing a series of training workshops. Details of the training will be shared through your NSP Partner. Please note that to register for these events you must contact the NSP and not GwE.

## A reminder to all reception class teachers

### Pori Drwy Stori

Booktrustcymru have published a set of nine video clips demonstrating various activities that can be played with the 'Hide and Sheep' cards.

<http://poridrwystori.booktrust.org.uk/news/13//>

The 'Booktime Bags' have now been delivered to schools.

The Term 3 Numeracy Resources support the requirements of the National Numeracy and Literacy Framework.

