

The Fen Rivers Academy Cultural Events and Opportunities for Reflection through Story 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term

WEEK		NATIONAL AWARENESS DAYS, RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK	KEY LINKED TEXTS TO CONSIDER USING
1	4-8 Sept	International Literacy Day (8 September)	
2	11-15 Sept	International day of Democracy (15 September)	15/09/23 – Democracy – Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom; Who did that? Sasha learns about taking responsibility;
3	18-22 Sept	Jeans for Genes (begins 18 September) Rosh Hashanah (18 September) International Day of Peace (21 September)	18/09/23 – Rosh Hashanah – Is it Rosh Hashanah yet? ; Rosh Hashanah is Coming 21/09/23 – International Day of Peace – Wangari’s Trees of Peace;
4	25 – 29 Sept	European Day of Languages (26 September) Yom Kippur begins (27 September)	27/09/23 – Yom Kippur – Yussel’s Prayer; A Year full of Stories; Shira at the Temple; High Holidays and More

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5	2-6 October	Black History Month (begins 1-31 October) Sukkot (begins 29-6 October) World Space Week (begins 4 October) World Teachers' Day (5 October)	<p>01/10/23 – Black History Month – The Story of the Windrush; Black History Matters; It's OK to be Different; A children's picture book about Diversity and Kindness; Black History Matters – Civil Rights Movement Heroes; Hidden Figures – Four Black Women and the Space Race; Dancing in the Wings; Herstory;</p> <p>29/09/23-06/10/23 Sukkot – Sammy Spider's First Sukkot; The House on the Roof; The Best Sukkot Pumpkin Ever</p> <p>04/10/23-10/10/23 World Space Week – Vlad and the Space Race; Hidden Figures – Four Black Women and the Space Race; One Giant Leap – The Story of Neil Armstrong; 100 Things to Know About Space;</p>
6	9 – 13 October	National Braille Week begins (10 October) World Mental Health Day (10 October) World Homeless Day (10 October) Ada Lovelace Day (10 October)	<p>10/10/23-16/10/23 – Braille Week – Six Dots – A story of Young Louis Braille, Out of Darkness; Who was Louis Braille?</p> <p>10/10/23 – World Mental Health Day – You Should, You Should; The Princess and the Fog; When my Worries get too Big; The Very Cranky Bear; My Many Coloured Days etc</p> <p>10/10/23 – World Homelessness Day - Room for Everyone; The Journey; Fly Away Home, Shoe Box Sam</p> <p>10/10/23 - Ada Lovelace Day – Little People Big Dreams – Ada Lovelace; DK Life Stories Ada Lovelace;</p>

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7	16 – 20 October	World Food Day (16 October) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) Anti-Slavery Day (18 October)	16/10/23 – World Food Day / Poverty – Poverty and Hunger – (Children in Our World); The Shed that Fed a Million Children 18/10/23 Anti-Slavery Day – Born A Crime Trevor Noah; Little People Big Dreams – Martin Luther King Junior
HT	23 – 27 October	International Stammering Awareness Day (22 October)	22/10/23 – Stammering Awareness – St..St..St..Stammering Sam; Extract from the Kings Speech Film
8	30 – 3 October	The Prophet Muhammad's birthday (29 October) Halloween (31 October) All Saints' Day (1 November) Guy Fawkes Day (5 November)	05/11/23 – Guy Fawkes – Famous People – Guy Fawkes; Gunpowder Guy – The Story of Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot
9	6 – 10 Nov	World Science Day (10 November)	10/10/23 – World Science Day – Women in Science – 50 Pioneers who changed the world; Inventors: Incredible Stories of the World's Most Ingenious inventions; 365 Science Activities;

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10	13 – 17 Nov	<p>Armistice/ Remembrance Day (11 November)</p> <p>Diwali/Deepavali (12 November)</p> <p>World Diabetes Day (14 November)</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Week (begins 13-17 November)</p> <p>Disability History Month (begins 16 November)</p>	<p>11/11/23 – Armistice Day – Where the Poppies Now Grow; Stubby – A true Story of Friendship; One Boy’s War; Flo of the Somme; The Christmas Truce; Peace Lily; Vlad and The First World War</p> <p>12/11/23 – Diwali / Deepavali – Rama and Sita, The Story of Diwali; Let’s Celebrate Diwali; Festival of Light</p> <p>14/11/23 – World Diabetes Day – I have Diabetes – Little Life Lessons; Year One with Type One</p> <p>16/11/23 – Anti-Bullying – Monty the Manatee; FAB (Friends Against Bullying) Club; Stay Strong – Mindfulness Activities for kids who are experiencing bullying; The No More Bullying Book</p> <p>16/11/23 – Disability Awareness – Rio / Through the Eyes of Me (Autism Awareness); It’s Ok to be Different; Wonder; Everybody is Different; The Goldfish Boy (a range of longer stories that can be used as teaching texts)</p>
11	20 – 24 Nov	<p>Road Safety Week (begins 20 November)</p> <p>World Children’s Day (20 November)</p>	<p>20/11/23 Road Safety – Susie and Sam Learn about Road Safety. ROSPA Road Safety Assembly themes - https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/teachers/school_assemblyplans.pdf#:~:text=The%20use%20of%20assemblies%20with%20a%20road%20safety,end%20of%20each%20assembly%20shou ld%20highlight%20moral%20issues.</p> <p>20/11/23 – The Rights of the Child - https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day Link to work being done in school on Rights Respecting Schools and The Rights of the Child</p>
12	27 – 1 Nov	<p>St Andrew’s Day (30 November)</p> <p>Advent (begins 1 December)</p> <p>World AIDS Day (1 December)</p>	<p>30/11/23 – St Andrews Day – https://www.thevintagenews.com/2016/12/19/the-story-of-st-andrew-the-patron-saint-of-scotland/#:~:text=The%20story%20of%20St%20Andrew%2C%20the%20patron%20saint,was%20a%20disciple%20of%20St.%20John%20the%20Baptist.</p> <p>01/12/23 – Advent – https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/advent.shtml</p> <p>01/12/23 – World Aids Day – (KS3) https://www.worldaidsday.org/</p>

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13	4 - 8 Dec	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (2 December) Hanukkah (begins 7-15 December) International Day of People with Disabilities (3 December)	<p>02/12/23 – Abolition of Slavery – https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/660/william-wilberforce-and-the-abolition-of-slavery</p> <p>7/12/23-15/12/23 – Hanukkah – The Story of Hanukkah David Adler; Hanukkah Lights</p> <p>03/12/23 – Disabilities – 2020 Not All Disabilities are Visible https://idpwd.org/</p>
14	11 – 15 Dec	Human Rights Day (10 December) Jane Austen's birthday (16 December)	<p>10/12/23 – Human Rights Day – Malala's Magic Pencil; Children who changed the World – Stories about children's rights; The Boy at the Back of the Class;</p> <p>16/12/23 – Jane Austen's Birthday – https://www.janeausten.org/</p>
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ET	17 - End Dec	Christmas Day (25 December) Boxing Day (26 December) New Year's Eve (31 December) New Year's Day (1 January)	

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1	8 - 12 January	Epiphany (6 January)	06/01/24 Epiphany - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42565054
2	15 - 19 January	Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day (15 January) World Religion Day (21 January)	15/01/24 Martin Luther King Day – Little People Big Dreams Series – Martin Luther King 21/01/24 World Religion Day – We can all live in harmony (theme)
3	22 - 26 January	Burns Night (25 January) Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January) Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) (24-25 January)	25/01/24 Burns Night – http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/robertburns/burns_night_running_order.shtml 27/01/24 Holocaust Memorial Day – https://www.hmd.org.uk/ 24/01/24-25/01/24 Arbor Day - https://www.arborday.org/
4	29 - 2 January	LGBT+ History Month (starts 1 February) Candlemas (2 February) World Cancer Day (4 February)	01/02/24 – LGBT+ History Month – Educate Against Hate resources - https://educateagainsthate.com/ ; KS2/3 Virtual Inclusion Project - https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/virtual-inclusion-project/ ; KS3 Stand Up! https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/stand-up/ Tower Hamlets Primary Resources https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/tower-hamlets-primary-resources/ 02/02/24 Candlemas - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/candlemas.shtml 04/02/24 World Cancer Day – https://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/

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5	5 - 9 February	Safer Internet Day (6 February) Charles Dickens's birthday (7 February) Chinese New Year (10 February)	06/02/24 Safer Internet Day - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ 07/02/24 Charles Dickens' Birthday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/dickens_charles.shtml 10/02/24 Chinese New Year – https://metro.co.uk/2020/01/25/chinese-new-year-2021-animal-12121419/
6	12 – 16 February	Darwin Day (12 February) Valentine's Day (14 February) Shrove Tuesday (16 February) Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) (17 February)	12/02/24 Darwin Day – https://darwinday.org/ 14/02/24 Valentine's Day - https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2 16/02/24 Shrove Tuesday – https://www.britannica.com/topic/Shrove-Tuesday 17/02/24 Ash Wednesday (Lent) – https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ash-Wednesday-Christian-holy-day
HT	19 - 23 February		
7	1 - 5 March	Women's History Month (starts 1 March) St David's Day (1 March) World Book Day (7 March)	01/03/24 Women's History Month – Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure; Women in Science – 50 Pioneers who changed the world; Harriet Tubman; A History of the world in 21 women; Little Leaders – Bold Women In Black History 01/03/24 St David's Day – https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43240280 07/03/24 World Book Day – Maths Stories – Centipede's 100 shoes; The Maths Inspectors – The Case of the Claymore Diamond; Spaghetti and Meatballs for all; Times Fables; One is a Snail, Two is a crab; How many legs;

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8	8 -12 March	International Women's Day (8 March) Pi Day (14 March) Mother's Day (10 March)	08/03/24 International Women's Day – https://www.internationalwomensday.com 14/03/24 World Pi Day – https://www.piday.org/ (maths) 10/03/24 Mother's Day - https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day
9	15 - 19 March	St Patrick's Day (17 March) World Poetry Day (21 March)	17/03/24 St Patrick's Day – https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day 21/03/24 World Poetry Day - https://nationaltoday.com/world-poetry-day
10	22 - 26 March	World Water Day (22 March) Purim (26 February) Passover (begins 22-30 March) Palm Sunday (24 March)	22/03/24 World Water Day – https://www.worldwaterday.org 26/02/24 Purim – The Purim Story – The Story of Queen Esther 22/03/24 Passover – http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover_1.shtml 24/03/24 Palm Sunday - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52173244
11	29 March - 2 April		29/03/24 Holi – https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/z4qqy9g 01/04/24 – April Fool's Day – https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day 01/04/24 Maundy Thursday – https://www.gotquestions.org/Maundy-Thursday.html 02/04/24 World Autism Day – https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx 29/03/24 Good Friday – https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-good-friday-p2-700773 31/03/24 Easter Sunday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/easter.shtml 01/04/24 Easter Monday - https://www.newvision.co.ug/news/1451204/easter-monday-about 07/04/24 World Health Day – https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/ 08/04/24 Yom HaShoah - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/yomhashoa.shtml 13/04/24 Ramadan - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtbkb/articles/zjc2bdm

Summer Term

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2	22 - 26 April	Earth Day (22 April) Stephen Lawrence Day (22 April) St George's Day (23 April) Shakespeare's birthday (23 April)	<p>22/04/24 Earth Day – https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/earthday</p> <p>22/04/24 Stephen Lawrence Day – https://www.stephenlawrencetrust.org/stephen-lawrence-day/</p> <p>23/04/24 St George's Day – https://www.britain-magazine.com/features/10-facts-about-st-georges-day-2/</p> <p>23/04/24 Shakespeare's Birthday - http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/william_shakespeare</p>
3	29 - 3 April	World Press Freedom Day (3 May)	<p>03/05/24 World Press Freedom Day - https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldpressfreedomday</p>
4	6 - 10 May	May Day (6 May) World Asthma Day (7 May) VE Day (8 May)	<p>06/05/24 May Day - https://www.britannica.com/topic/May-Day-international-observance</p> <p>07/05/24 World Asthma Day - www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/worldasthmaday.html</p> <p>08/05/24 VE day - https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749</p>
5	13 - 17 May	Florence Nightingale's Birthday May) International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (17 May)	<p>12/05/24 Florence Nightingale – Little People, Big Dreams Series of books – Florence Nightingale</p> <p>17/05/24 International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (KS3/4) https://whenzilla.com/holidays/international-day-against-homophobia-transphobia-and-biphobia/2021</p>

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6	20 - 24 May	International Museum Day (18 May) Pentecost (19 May)	18/05/24 International Museum Day – https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52707821 19/05/24 Pentecost - http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/pentecost.shtml
HT	27 - 31 May		
6	3 – 7 June	Gypsy, Roma and traveller History Month begins (1 June) World Environment Day (5 June) Anniversary of D-Day (6 June)	01/06/24 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month – https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/heritage/celebratinggypsy-roma-and-traveller-history-month/ 05/06/24 World Environment Day – https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/ 06/06/24 D Day Anniversary - https://www.dday-overlord.com/en/normandy/commemorations/2020
7	10 – 14 June	World Oceans Day (8 June) Millicent Garrett Fawcett's birthday (11 June)	08/06/24 World Oceans Day – https://worldoceansday.org/ 11/06/24 Millicent Garrett Fawcett - https://www.britannica.com/biography/Millicent-Fawcett
8	17 - 21 June	Eid ul-Adha (begins 17 June) World Refugee Day (20 June) Father's Day (16 June)	20/07/21 Eid UI-Adha - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtspb/articles/zhjif4j 20/06/24 World Refugee Day – My Name is not Refugee (book) https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day 16/06/24 Fathers' Day - https://ukbankholidaydates.co.uk/fathers-day/
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9	24 - 28 June	Make Music Day (21 June) Windrush Day (22 June)	21/06/24 Make Music Day – http://www.makemusicday.org/ 22/06/24 Windrush Day - https://www.windrushday.org.uk/
10	31 - 4 June		

11	6 - 10 July		
12	15 – 19 July	Emmeline Pankhurst's birthday (14 July) Mandela Day (18 July)	14/07/24 Emmeline Pankhurst – http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/pankhurst_emmeline.shtml Little People Big Dreams Series – Emmeline Pankhurst 18/07/24 Mandela Day - https://www.mandeladay.com/
13	22 – 23 July	International Day of Friendship (30 July)	30/07/24 International Day of Friendship - https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/friendship-day