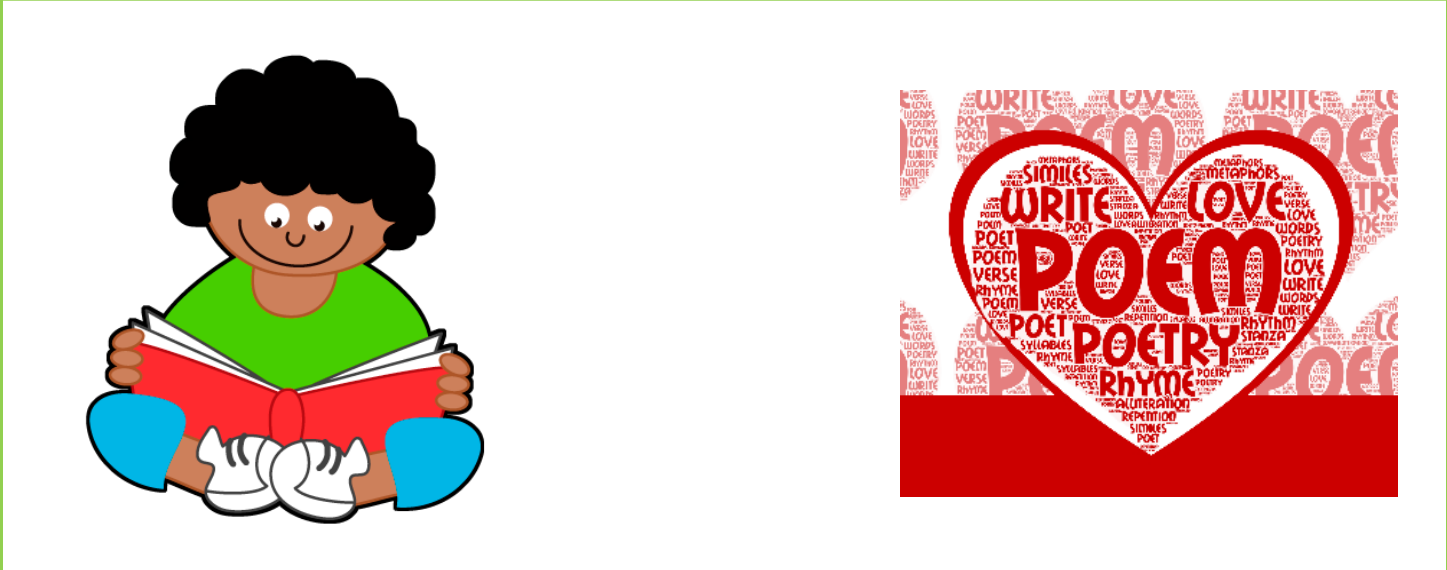
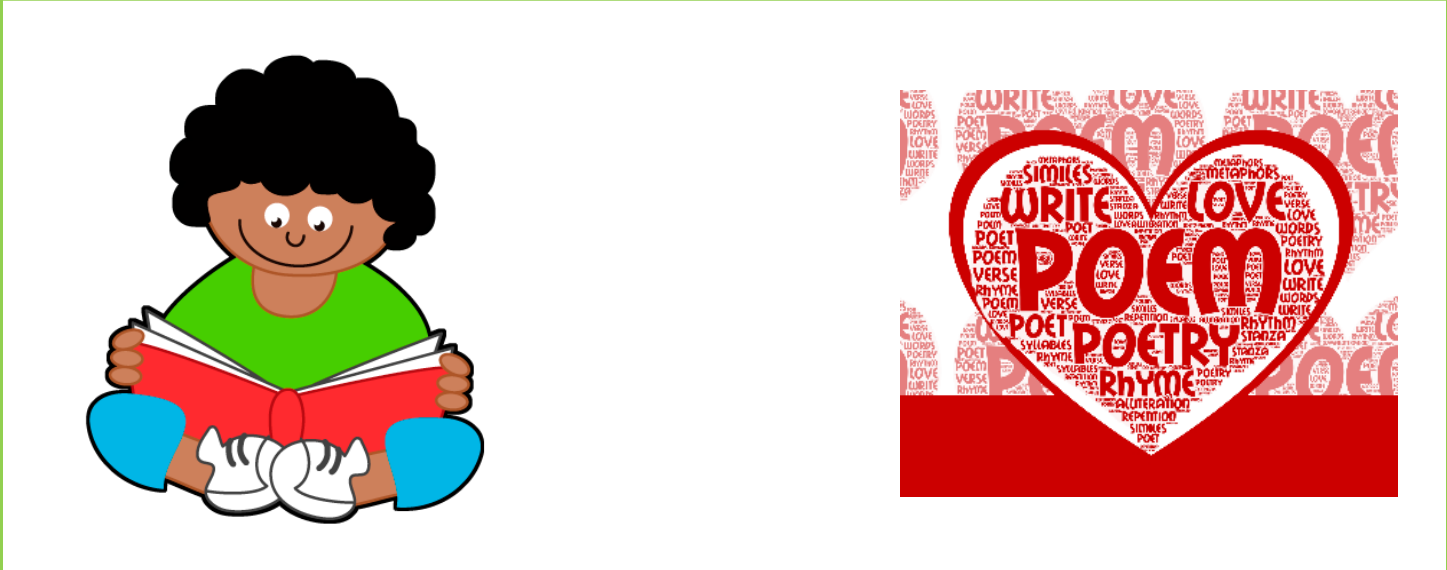


# August



# August Days and Events to Celebrate in the Classroom



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## 1 – 31 August MS Readathon



*The purpose of the MS Readathon is to encourage children to read and, at the same time, raise money to help kids who have a parent with multiple sclerosis.*

*The readathon runs throughout the month of August. Teachers can register their class or children can register individually.*

*Find out more and download some great resources from their website.*

## 1 August The Horses' Birthday

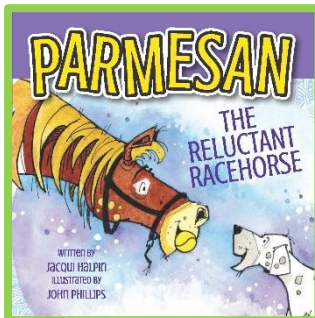


*In the Southern Hemisphere, 1 August is recognised as the birthday of all horses, especially racehorses. Horses born after 1 August in will be considered one year old on 1 August the following year.*

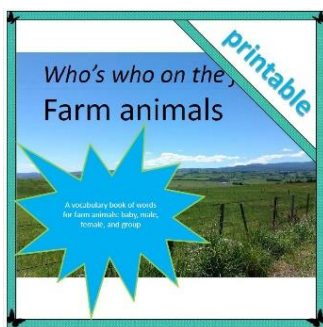
*In the Northern Hemisphere, 1 January is recognised as the horses' birthday. The dates are chosen as most foals are born in late winter.*

*Why not celebrate with a carrot cake, or give your favourite horse a carrot treat?*

*Children may enjoy discussing the question, "What if we had a people's birthday, and celebrated everyone's birthday on the same day, regardless of when they were born?"*



*Jacqui Halpin's picture book [Parmesan the Reluctant Racehorse](#) is a great one to read to aid the celebration.*



*[Who's who on the farm](#) introduces children to farm animals (including horses). It provides them with the names of male, female and baby animals as well as the names given to groups of animals.*

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*[On the farm Who am I?](#) presents written clues for the children to read and pictures from which they select the answers.*

*The repetitive texts support beginning readers as they learn to recognise sight words and use initial sound cues.*

**4 August**

## Children's Day

## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



*National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is celebrated on 4 August each year. Check the website for this year's theme.*

*"Children's Day is a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every child."*

*The organisation invites you to explore their [website](#) for ideas and resources.*



*You can also refer to a [list](#) of Indigenous picture books and resources from readilearn.*

*How will you celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in your class?*

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## International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples



*The purpose of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is to recognise the importance of protecting indigenous peoples and maintaining their customs and traditions.*

*Check the website for this year's theme.*

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## Book Lovers Day



This is an easy one to celebrate. Grab a book you love and read. Read aloud to the children as many times as you can throughout the day, and give them time for independent reading, of their choice, too. Why not make a bookmark, or write a book, to give to another who loves books as much as you do?

mid-August National Science Week



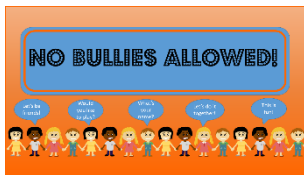
Check the website for this year's theme and activities.

The week-long event is held in mid-August. It provides an opportunity to engage in science activities.

Ideas and resources can be found on the [website](#).

At readilearn we also have some [science resources](#) which you may find useful.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August National Day of Action against Bullying



The National Day of Action against bullying is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools, encouraging whole-school communities to work together to implement evidence-informed positive and proactive solutions to prevent and address bullying.

Visit the website for this year's theme and activities for the classroom.

Check out readilearn's resources for teaching [friendship skills](#) too.

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## Poet's Day



Poetry is a great way of introducing children to the rhythms and sounds of our language. Being early childhood teachers, we have the advantage of reading picture books to children every day. Many picture books read like poetry or contain aspects of poetry, including rhythm, rhyme, metaphors, similes, assonance and consonance. You do not have to look far for examples of these and more.

But why not find some books of poetry to read to children anyway or write some together?

There are beautiful lyrical poems like those in [Magic Fish Dreaming](#) by June Perkins or funny poems like those by Roald Dahl in *Revoltin' Rhymes*.



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There are also some great websites of poetry for children, including:

[Australian Children's Poetry](#) A new poem is added to the collection every day.

[Michael Rosen's Youtube Channel of Stories and Poetry for Kids](#)

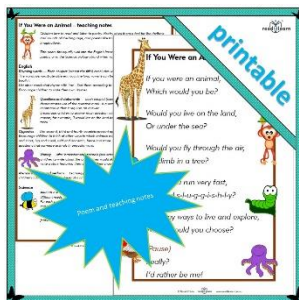
(Sadly, Michael was hit by the coronavirus. He was quite ill and hospitalised for a number of weeks. Gladly, he is now out of hospital and recovering and regularly adding new videos to his website.)

[Jennifer Poulter's Facebook page](#) Jennifer is a prolific writer of poetry for children and frequently uploads free poems and teacher notes to her Facebook page. Follow her for access.

Here at readilearn, we also have resources to support your teaching of poetry, including:



[Christmas poetry — writing with children](#) provides lessons, examples and templates for teaching five different poetry forms that are easy for even young children to write.



[If You Were an Animal — poem and teaching notes](#) presents a poem that is equally suited to the English as the science curriculum.

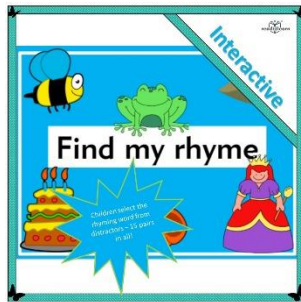


[Write your own "I love" poem](#) provides resources for innovating on the traditional camping song 'I Love the Mountains'.

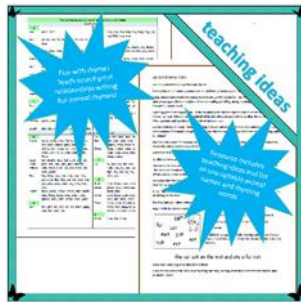


[Let's read and write with Little Miss Muffet](#) presents a series of lessons based on the rhyme to support learning in reading and writing and the development of oral language and imagination.

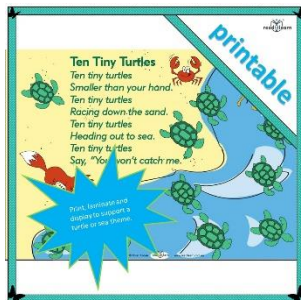
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*[Find my rhyme](#) is an interactive lesson for introducing rhyme to children.*



*[Animal Rhyme Time](#) provides a list of one-syllable animal names and words that rhyme with them. It's a useful reference for writing rhyming stories and poems about animals.*



*[Ten Tiny Turtles](#) is a poem that can be used in conjunction with other work about turtles or read independently for poetic enjoyment.*

## Mid-late August [Children's Book Week](#) (Australia)



*Each year, there is a different theme. Check out the website for the theme and great resources to assist your celebrations.*

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24 August [readilearn](#)'s 7<sup>th</sup> birthday!



On 24 August 2016, readilearn went live, welcomed the first subscribers, and published the first blog post.

There are now more than 500 resources in the collection, all written for the first three years of school and designed to lighten your workload with lessons that are ready to teach.

In early 2023, the site underwent a major revamp, and the resources are now much easier to access, especially the free resources which now no longer require you to log in to access.

Premium resources can be purchased individually, or the entire collection can be accessed with a low-cost annual subscription, the price of which we have maintained at the same price since launch.

We are always looking for ways in which we can suit your needs better and love to know which resources you find most useful and what types of resources you would like added to the collection. Please contact us with any feedback or requests.

**Thank you for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated.**

We have some resources to help you celebrate birthdays in your classroom, including:

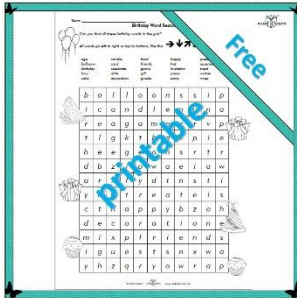


[Happy Birthday — an interactive resource to personalise](#)

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[Birthday word cards](#)



[Birthday word search](#)



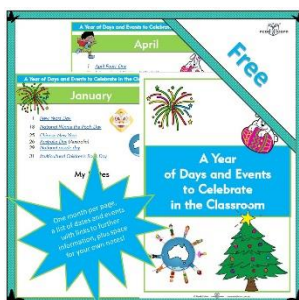
[A birthday card to personalise](#)



[Busy Bee Birthday chart](#)

Check out all the birthday-themed resources [here](#).

## The year at a glance



A printable copy of a calendar of special days and events for the year is available to download free [here](#).