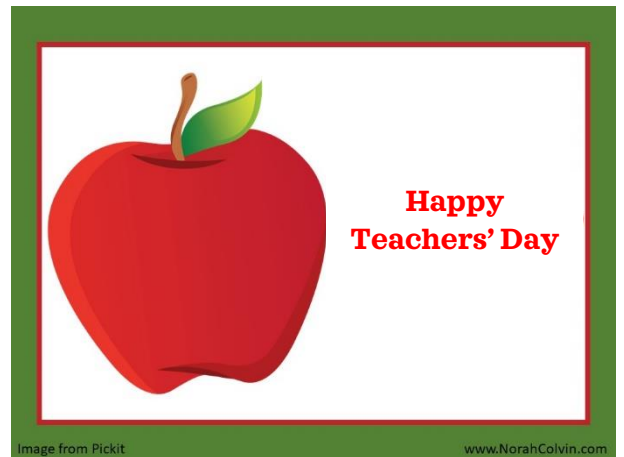


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October Days and Events to Celebrate in the Classroom



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First Friday in October World Smile Day



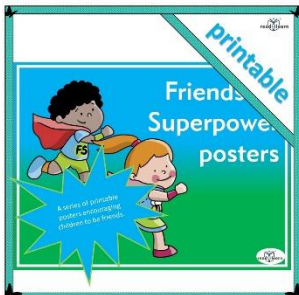
Celebrated on the first Friday in October, World Smile Day is a great reminder to spread smiles and share kindness with others. One of the best ways to spread smiles is by having an open heart and being friendly towards others.

Here at readilearn, we have many resources you can use to teach your children friendship skills and encourage them to get along with each other.

Resources include:



[Busy Bees ABC of friendship](#)



[Friendship superpower posters](#)



[Extend the hand of friendship](#)



[How to make a friendship tree](#)

You can find these and other resources for teaching friendship skills in the Character Development collection [here](#).

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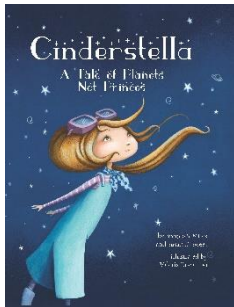
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World Space Week



This year we celebrate Women in Space.

You will find some useful links in the World Space Week [Resources for Educators](#), but be warned some of the links don't work and many of the activities are more suited to older children.



Maybe you could read and discuss the picture book Cinderstella by [Brenda Miles and Susan Sweet](#),



make a [moon cake](#),



or try one of these [20 Quick ideas for teaching and learning about space](#).

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World Teachers' Day



World Teachers' Day is a celebration of the contribution that teachers make to society and our future. I think it is always important for the efforts of teachers to be acknowledged and for teachers to feel valued and supported in their work.

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It's a great time to acknowledge their input and say, "Thank you". A small card or personalised letter to let them know they are appreciated is often enough but, if you are thinking of a gift, most teachers love stationery and craft items. Depending on your budget, a little bit of pampering doesn't go astray either.



Why not print out a free [Teacher Effect](#) bookmark, or gift a subscription to readilearn to show your appreciation (contact us for details — hello@readilearn.com.au).

Note: In Australia, World Teacher's Day is celebrated on the last Friday in October, possibly because many of the states are enjoying school holidays on the 5th.



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Love your Bookshop Day



This is a perfect opportunity to support and celebrate what you love about your local bookshop. While many businesses are struggling to stay afloat during lockdown, you can support your local businesses, authors and illustrators by purchasing from local bookshops, either instore or online. Why not stock up on books for gifts, for yourself and others, for the rest of the year?

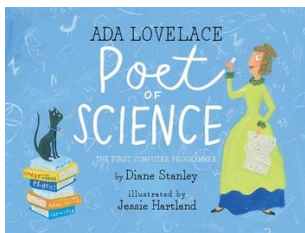
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11 October International Day of the Girl Child



Check the website for this year's theme.

12 October Ada Lovelace Day



Ada Lovelace is recognised as the first computer programmer and the purpose of the day is to recognise the contribution of women to STEM. Ada Lovelace was born over two hundred years ago. She was the daughter of poet Lord Byron and had a combination of her father's imagination and her mother's interest in mathematics, science and machines.

Read to your children about Ada Lovelace in the beautiful picture book "Ada Lovelace Poet of Science" written by Diane Stanley and illustrated by Jessie Hartland.

Last Sunday in October Grandparents Day



Grandparents Day is celebrated on different days around the world. In Australia, each year it is celebrated on the last Sunday in October.

The purpose of the day is to celebrate the bond between grandparents and grandchildren and acknowledge the contribution that grandparents make to our communities. You could consider inviting grandparents to visit your classroom and be entertained by the children. There are also other ways to celebrate grandparents, for example:

- *Read stories about grandparents*
- *Make a card for a grandparent*
- *Write a letter to a grandparent*

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31 October Halloween

Halloween probably requires little introduction as it is celebrated in many countries around the world.

Here at readilearn, we have resources to engage children in [Halloween](#) fun while they are learning. Resources include:



The printable [Trick or Treat board game](#), (now with everything you need together in one downloadable folder).



[How Many Treats?](#) an interactive addition lesson for use on the interactive white board.



[Who Has More?](#) an interactive resource for comparing numbers to ten.



[Halloween word cards](#)



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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](#).

