

Where and when:

Date: Thursday, 4th March 2021

Time: 11:30am

Duration: 30 minutes

Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons

This programme is available to view from home or school, and no sign-up is required.

Simply visit the website on the day and follow the instructions on the page to watch.



Curriculum links - English and literacy - Key Stage 2/2nd Level

- identifying themes and conventions in and across a range of stories
- making comparisons and connections within and across books and stories
- recommending books that they have read, giving reasons for their choices
- consider, interpret and discuss texts, supporting ideas and opinions with evidence from the literature
- recognise the relevance of themes and how this relates to their own and others' experiences

Setup:

This Live Lesson which will be broadcast live on the CBBC channel and simultaneously on the BBC Teach website at 11:30am.

We will be running a live commentary page on BBC Teach during the live broadcast to reflect contributions from children watching from home and school.

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be viewed in a classroom or at home with a device (computer, tablet or mobile phone) linked to a reliable broadband connection, or watched on a television on the CBBC channel.

As we'll be asking children to get involved in activities throughout the lesson, it would be beneficial if children had the accompanying activity sheet to hand to guide them through the activities, as well as stationery such as pens and pencils.

Lesson content:

This programme covers learning objectives across the Key Stage 2 English curriculum for England, Languages, Literacy and Communication Area of Learning and Experience for Wales, 2nd Level Literacy and English in Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence and the Primary Northern Ireland Curriculum on Language and Literacy.

Warm-up: Sharing a story

At the beginning of the programme, children will be asked to do a quick warm-up activity to think of their favourite themes and to share a story with their family or friends. This will be referenced on the programme and pupils can fill this in on the activity sheet provided.

Section 1: Sharing stories on a theme

In this section of the programme, children will be introduced to the concept of themes and how they can be seen in stories. They will be shown how similar themes can be seen across different stories, and how multiple themes can be seen in one story.

They will be shown a demonstration of an activity where children match themes to some well-known stories. They will then be given 60 seconds to choose a theme from a selection provided on their activity sheets, think of a story that demonstrates that theme, and explain why they think it shows that theme.

Section 2: Identifying a theme from a story

The second section of the programme encourages children to put into practice what they've just learnt about themes, by identifying themes within a story that they might or might not have seen before.

They will be shown a series of three traditional tales from across the world, and will be asked to identify what themes can be seen in the stories, with evidence for why they think this is the case.

Section 3: Reading for pleasure pledge

The final section of the programme showcases the different themes that children have been sending in all over the country and challenges children to go out and discover the wealth of amazing books and stories and their themes.

Children will be asked to write down a simple pledge around reading for pleasure. This could be as simple as: "I will read every night before I go to bed" or "I will share a story that I like with a friend" - whatever small action the children feel like they can commit to.

Here, you might want to encourage them to choose a pledge that you can do as a family or as a class.



Contact us:

If your child or pupils are planning on watching the Live Lesson in school or at home, let us know. Email us with your school name or names of your children to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, or get in touch using the hashtag **#bbclivelessons** and they could be featured on our live commentary page.

We'd also love to hear what themes are your children's favourites. If your children have any favourite themes, please do send them in to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, and they could be showcased on our website.

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