



National Storytelling

Monday 'Meaning'

National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. **Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.**



The week is popular with all ages and celebrates all types of stories like folklore, myths, fables, fairy-tales, poetry, etc. Storytelling Week gives people the opportunity to discuss their favourite stories and to hear new stories.

The week brings people together through the power of words and imagination. Everyone loves a good story!

Tuesday 'Talks'



- Why are stories important?
- What are your favourite stories?
- Why do we like to read/share and talk about stories?
- Why is there a *national* Storytelling Week?



Some resources to discuss and use in class: [World Book Day and National Storytelling Week - Teaching Resources - BBC Teach](#)
[National Storytelling Week Reads](#)

'Try it' Tuesday

Each week for 'Try it' Tuesday, we will get an opportunity to put sacred time into action and be the 'Good Samaritan'.
 This week:

- Write a story and share it with others.
- Read/share a story with someone who may like to spend time with you e.g. an elderly relative. Spend time with someone you care for.

TRY THIS!

Wednesday 'Words of Wisdom'

Jesus told many Parables, stories with a meaning. Here is a Parable taken from Marks Gospel...

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again, he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Jesus was a great story teller. He used stories to try to grip people, get across his message in a way the people could understand and to help his listeners to remember his message.

- How many other parables can you name?
- What is the meaning of this parable?
- How does this story still apply to today?



Thursday 'Thoughtfulness'



Dear Lord,
Thank you for our talents and our imaginations. Give us the courage and strength to use our gifts everyday. Help us to be the person you created us to be and to remember that greatness begins small. Amen.

'Find out' Friday



What is happening in the world around us? Watch Newsround to find out more [HERE](#).

Listen to the BBC Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' [HERE](#).

Key questions

What is happening in your world?

What is happening in St Helens and our local area?

Can we relate our theme this week to what is going on in the world?

Can we do anything to help any issues that our facing the world this week? Should we help?