

Reading around the school

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Book Boxes in Classrooms



- ▶ Important to have books in classrooms
- ▶ They can be related to subjects but also reading for pleasure
- ▶ Magazines, newspapers and other reading material
- ▶ Start small and build it up



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- ▶ Facilitate reading each day where possible
- ▶ The odd book will go missing but that's better than a box of books that was never touched
- ▶ Possibility of shelves in classrooms

Free Library at Reception

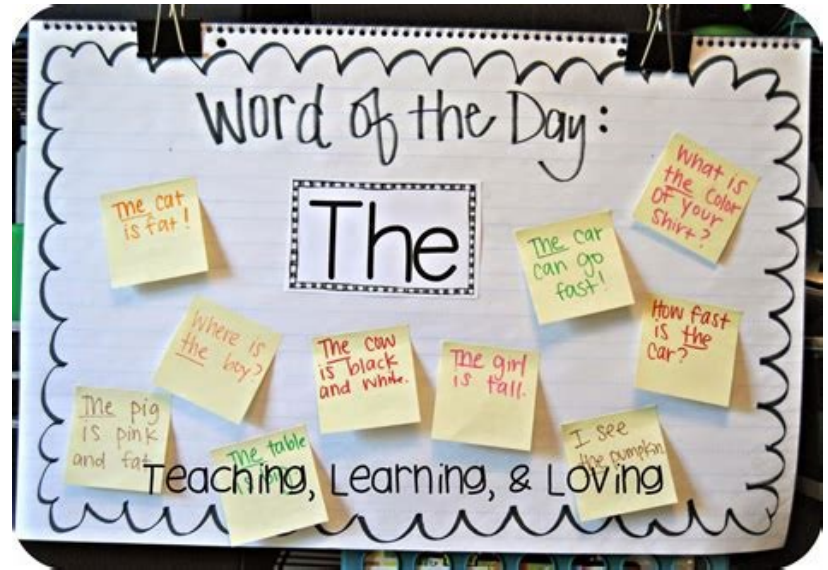
- ▶ Made up of donated books or those brought in by teachers and parents
- ▶ Encourage people to leave a book if they can - but not essential
- ▶ Makes reading visible as soon as you enter the school



Word of the Day

- ▶ Celebrate words
- ▶ A different word each day
- ▶ Enriching vocabulary
- ▶ Words can be seasonal or by theme
- ▶ Words from different languages

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/>



Celebrate Authors & Artists

- ▶ Authors are just the name on a book for many young people
- ▶ Linking with authors can bring books alive
- ▶ Make books and authors visible around the school

<https://www.writing.ie/resources/irelands-first-patron-of-reading-sheena-wilkinson/>



Blackout Poetry

- ▶ Recycle old books and celebrate words
- ▶ Old books have to be removed anyway
- ▶ Opportunity for creativity

<https://childrensbooksireland.ie/resources-ideas/ideas-activities-packs/imaginaton-playbook-and-activity-sheets>





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May agreed. She was starting in September, after spending the summer helping Scottie in the kitchen at Helen's Hope, and she was delighted with herself.

She blushed. 'Oh, posh girls like that won't need to learn to cook,' she said, but she looked pleased all the same. I tried to imagine Flora Galbraith learning to bake scones. Well, perhaps she would like it better than political economy.

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'With confidence,' Maggie said firmly.

'Well, with hope anyway,' I said, and we all cheered so loudly that it was some time before I realised the doorbell was ringing again. I slipped out to answer it.

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~~I said, and she laughed, but not unkindly.~~

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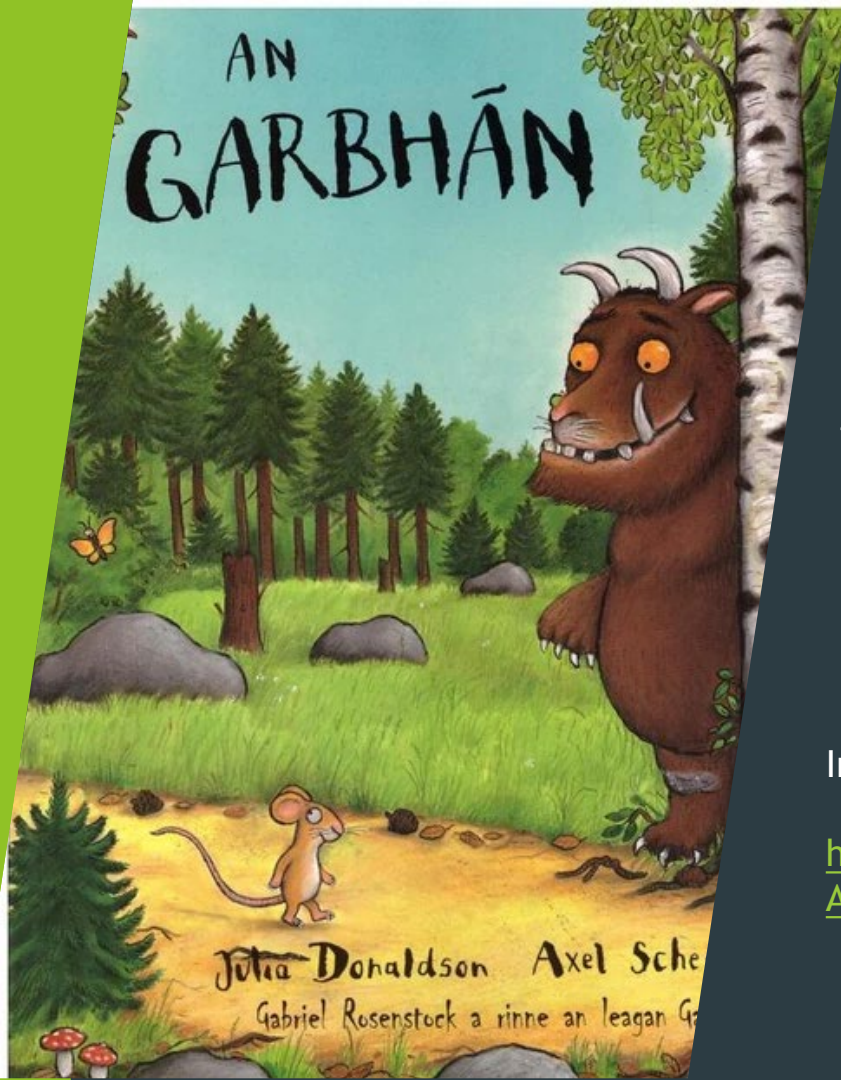
Storytelling

- ▶ We all love to hear and share stories
- ▶ Pathway to reading
- ▶ Literacy is also about speaking and listening
- ▶ A way to develop public speaking and presentation skills

<https://www.duchas.ie>



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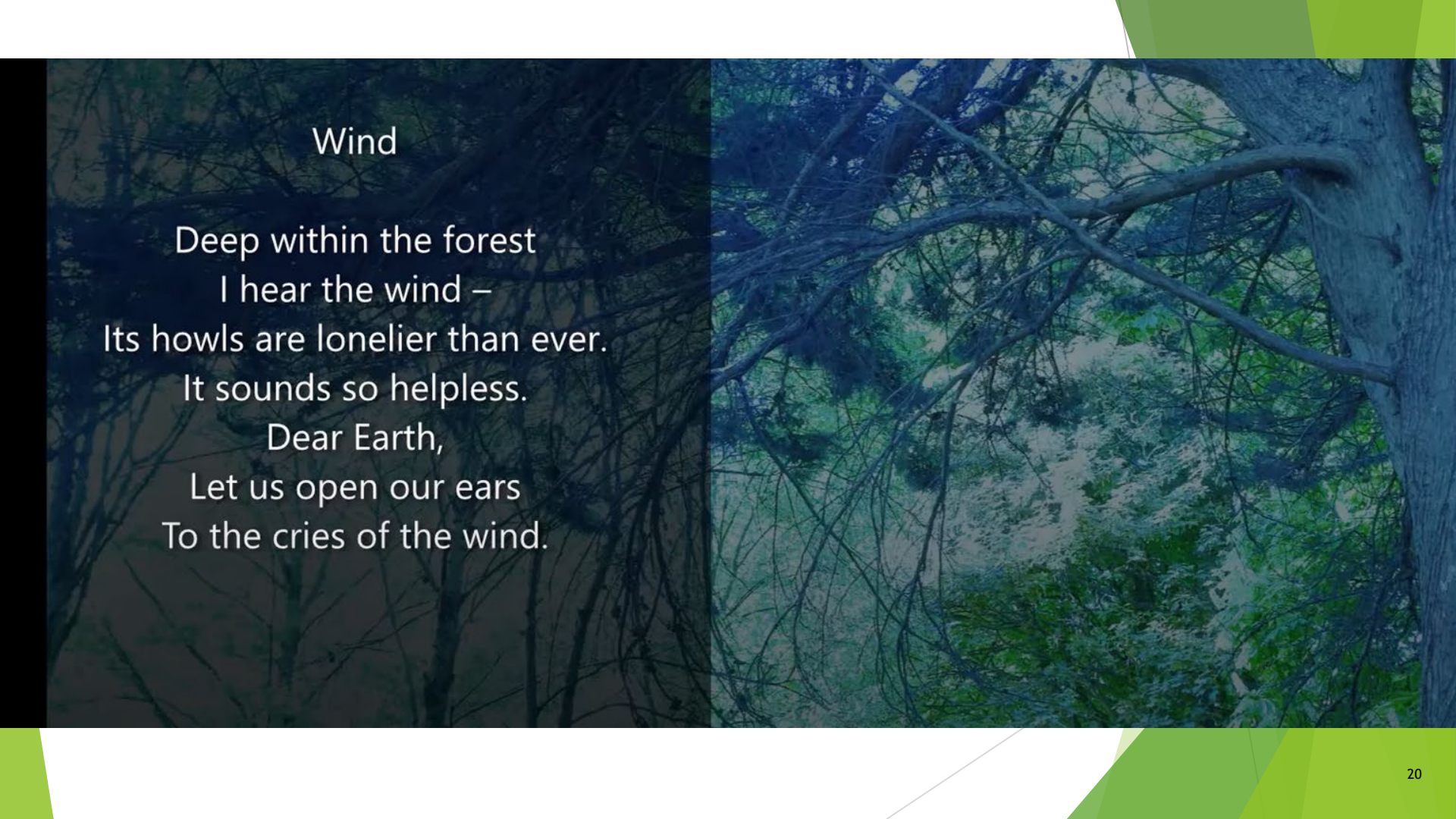


Irish Language Books

- ▶ Make the language heard and visible throughout the school
- ▶ Celebrate the language
- ▶ Include Irish Language books in your library

Irish Language Poster Poem Videos:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6nTUu02ATLK_ONsmqJD79Q



Wind

Deep within the forest
I hear the wind –
Its howls are lonelier than ever.
It sounds so helpless.
Dear Earth,
Let us open our ears
To the cries of the wind.



Sa Choill

Go domhain sa choill
Glamann an ghaoth
uaigneach.
An gcloiseann tú í?



The Lonely Wind

Deep in the forest,
The lonely wind
howls for now.
Do you hear her
cries?



Reading Role Models

- ▶ Teachers, parents and staff
- ▶ People in the community - sportspeople
- ▶ You are a reading role model
- ▶ Share what you are reading with the students
- ▶ Talk about reading as an important part of your life

<https://tinyurl.com/8p7z7dc9>

Reading Awards

- ▶ Celebrate reading
- ▶ Reading medals and trophies
- ▶ Not just for sports
- ▶ Not just for the best readers or those who read the most

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