



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Literacy Workstream

We are currently creating and sharing the following writing and reading resources for teachers & hubs via the Literacy Academy Twitter feed: @fvwlrclit

Mondays	#buildingareadingculture #RICLITReads (recommendations for primary and secondary reading)
Tuesdays	#ExcitingWriting tasks
Wednesdays	#buildingareadingculture (tasks for novels)
Thursdays	#ExcitingWriting tasks
Fridays	#FunFriday (visual text recommendations and activities)

Wakelets with tv tasks for S1-3 pupils and discursive writing recommendations for senior phase will also be available via the blog. These are comprehensive collections of tasks which can either be used individually or as a series of lessons.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/fvwlrclit/>

Please find useful links below for resources promoting reading and writing skills in line with academy offers.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/fvwlrclit/>

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/>

<https://twitter.com/piecorbett?lang=en>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/Talk4Writing/>

Future Focus

The Literacy Academy is currently offering online CLPL in the following areas:

- Reciprocal Reading
- Scotland Reads
- Disciplinary Literacy

Further information will be available from our Twitter feed, the FVWL blog and from your local authority Literacy Leads.

Contact Us

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Follow us on Twitter [@fvwlrclit](https://twitter.com/fvwlrclit)

Numeracy Workstream

Teacher support on Twitter



We are currently using Twitter, @FVWLricNumerac1, as a platform for sharing daily starters/challenges and levelled Number Talks that we have created. They have proved to be popular with practitioners, who are sharing them with their students, either through Twitter or on their agreed school platform. We are pleased to see that our Twitter follower numbers has increased considerably!

Webinars/Videos



To further support teachers during this time of distance learning and teaching, we are currently creating numeracy videos and webinars, linked to effective pedagogy. The videos will be uploaded to our Youtube channel and the links shared via FVWLric BLOG page and our Numeracy Academy Twitter page. These short videos will focus on ideas for using numeracy resources/approaches with students. Similarly, our webinars will focus on this but they will also allow teachers to interact; using practical/digital resources alongside the hosts during the sessions and being able to participate in 'lessons'. They will also provide an opportunity for practitioners to ask questions, share thoughts and have any queries clarified. **Look out for more information coming soon!**

CLPL Workstream

Online Professional Learning Opportunities

For those practitioners who are looking to engage in CLPL during this time, the Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative Career Long Professional Learning workstream have reviewed and developed this list of professional learning opportunities. Where a course is included it is not an endorsement by the FV&WL RIC – this list is intended to signpost to a range of opportunities available and is by no means exhaustive. This resource is a result of a collaborative effort between colleagues in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Stirling, West Lothian, Education Scotland and the Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative and can be found [here](#).

Resilience and Wellbeing Webinar

We are helping to support a pilot programme which aims to support mental health and wellbeing in challenging circumstances. The online programme will begin w/c 18th May and will continue for 4 weeks. The opportunity is open to all Early, Primary, Secondary and CLD staff and would be especially beneficial for school and establishment leaders. More details can be found [here](#).

Structured Learning At Home



To support teachers with structured learning of Numeracy/Maths, both at home and in school hubs, the Numeracy Team have put together a 'one-stop shop' document which contains recommended websites for Numeracy/Maths.

This has been added to the FVWL BLOG and the link shared on Twitter. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/fvwlric/category/nu>

Short-term CLPL priorities

Given the current challenges we are facing together the CLPL workstream priorities right now are:

- **Supporting health and wellbeing**
- **Building confidence using online platforms**
- **Sharing emerging examples of good practice**

With this in mind, have created a PDF which signposts staff to key resources to support these priorities [here](#). We are also in communication with other RIC teams in Scotland to understand the national picture and see how we can collaborate to meet the needs of staff, learners and families.