



WatsEducation Newsletter

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Useful Links:

watseducation.com

Consultancy, CPD, Projects, Resources and more.

watseducationideas.weebly.com

Inspirational videos and stories for class discussions and assemblies.

pledgeabook.com

Bringing the joy of reading to children who need it most

imaginative-inquiry.co.uk

Imaginative-inquiry is a wide-ranging teaching and learning approach that brings together three successful and effective pedagogic strategies – community of inquiry, drama for learning, and mantle of the expert.

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Welcome:

Welcome to September.

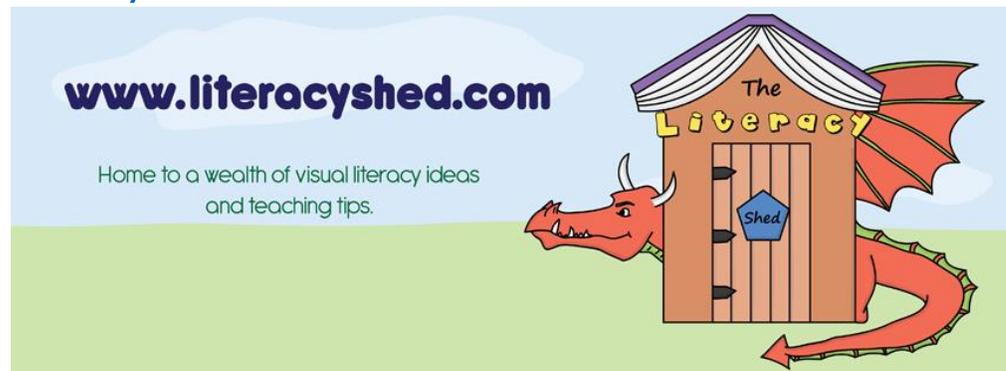
Believe it or not another Summer has passed and here we are at the start of another new school year!

Exciting times lay ahead in schools up and down the land, teachers have spent time prepping classrooms and engaging learning activities for their new classes. I am thrilled to share the first WatsEducation Newsletter of this academic year with you and hope that there is something in it that is useful to you.

Kind regards

Mike

Literacy Shed - Lincoln



Rob Smith of the Literacy Shed is returning to Lincoln in November with another exciting CPD event. <http://www.literacyshed.com/lincoln.html>

This year he will be joined by David Mitchell, creator of Quadblogging and promoter of children using the power of blogging to reach a genuine global audience for their writing. Last time Rob visited Lincoln the event was a sell out and this year will likely be the same!

Register your interest here: <http://www.literacyshed.com/registerinterest.html>

Outdoor Idea of the Month – September:



Rosehip Soup

Over the summer, I went on lots of walks with my daughter and she really enjoyed our time walking through the woods, or along the side of the woods and investigating the hedgerows.

She was especially interested in the blackberries and rosehips. This inspires this month's outdoor idea. You could either go gathering with the children or bring them in to investigate.

Pick lots and either then either slice, scoop out the contents and dry them or use them whole.

Recipe:

1.5l Water 1.5kg Dried Rosehips 150g Sugar 2tbsp Potato Starch 100ml Water

Grind up the rosehips. Boil the water and boil the rosehips for around 5 mins until soft. Strain and remove the skins and lumps. Put back into the pan and add sugar to taste. Mix the starch and water, add this mixture into the soup and boil until thickened.

“If people did not do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.”

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Outdoor Learning Audit:

This resource continues to be a very popular download on my website in the 'Outdoor Learning' and 'Resources' sections.

A quick Outdoor Learning Audit/Questionnaire based directly from Ofsted report quotes where Outdoor Learning and provision was mentioned specifically.

<http://www.watseducation.com/outdoor-learning.html>

Eco-Explorer App ****SPECIAL OFFER****:

I have mentioned this app before in my newsletter. It is a great app to support learning in biology, covering many of the points of study for plants and animals, food chains, adaptations and so on. I am pleased to share this special offer:

****Half Price Subscriptions Throughout September****

A 12 month whole school subscription is therefore only £150 and that includes posting the 10 foamex signs out.

Designed for schools using iPads; Eco Explorer is a fun way to explore KS1 & KS2 science topics.

- 1) Hide the 10 signs around the classroom or (even better) outdoors.
- 2) Select your current topic.
- 3) Let the children explore!

On finding a sign children scan the QR code to complete tasks and collect trophies. Each sign corresponds to a different objective for your chosen topic. Teachers can easily track scores and progress and there are topics for every year group.

The website is ecoexplorer.education if you want to find out more.



Practical Pedagogies - Toulouse:

Are you a jet-setter?

Does a place on an International Education Conference in the South of France in November sounds appealing?

It does? Then this could be a fantastic opportunity for you:

[Practical Pedagogies at the International School of Toulouse](#)

Thursday and Friday November 3rd/4th.

A high-impact, grass-roots training conference for classroom teachers by classroom teachers. Two days of inspiring keynotes, workshops and evening social events.

There is an "early bird" delegate rate for the two full days of training, with a choice of more than 100 sessions, is just **150 Euros** until the end of March. The "standard" 200 Euro rate applies thereafter.

There are workshop sessions being run by teachers from all over Europe, and lots from the UK, Primary and Secondary sessions are available...

This is something not to be missed if you have the opportunity.

I will be there leading **“I’m at Teacher, Get me Outside...”** Will you be joining me?

See you next month!
Mike ([@WatsEd](#))