



Teacher guidance

The Book of Hopes

The National Literacy Trust is proud to partner with the Bupa Foundation and Bloomsbury Publishing as part of their mutual commitment to support literacy and the wellbeing of children and families. We know that there is a vital link between literacy and wellbeing as children who enjoy reading not only perform better at school but also have higher levels of mental wellbeing.¹²



Foundation



As part of its work to support better mental wellbeing in schools, the Bupa Foundation is donating 15,000 copies of Bloomsbury's *The Book of Hopes* to 5,000 primary schools across the UK and invite these schools to take part in our Scrapbook of Hopes competition.

Edited by Katherine Rundell with contributions from 133 children's writers and illustrators, *The Book of Hopes* has been available to read for free on the National Literacy Trust website throughout the pandemic: literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes. It has captured the imaginations of hundreds of thousands of children and families as they stayed at home and we'd love you to show us how it continues to inspire your pupils back at school by taking part in our Scrapbook of Hopes challenge.

The Scrapbook of Hopes challenge

As a school you will already have been busy with activities to support learning and reconnection as children, for the most part, returned to school this term. However, this difficult situation will have presented challenges unique to each child, impacting their personal and emotional development as well as their learning.

The Scrapbook of Hopes competition aims to recognise, celebrate and support the work you have been doing to ensure that pupils feel secure, connected and heard, as well as to inspire hope and build strong links both in school and with your community.

¹ National Literacy Trust (2018) [Mental wellbeing, reading and writing](#)

² National Literacy Trust (2017) [Celebrating Reading for Enjoyment](#)

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This competition invites you to fill in our scrapbook template with words and pictures that describe the fantastic work you are doing to spread hope, inspiration and a love of reading in your school and beyond.

This activity can be from across the whole term and even into the holidays as you have until **31 January 2021** to enter. It may include participation in our own Reading Tree challenge, or children's work generated through our Book of Hopes teaching resources. Alternatively, it can be drawn from your own local projects that have helped children establish a love of reading or connect with each other and their community.

Below we've provided some links and ideas, but we're also excited to hear what else you have been doing.

Ideas and inspiration for your scrapbook

The activities you record in your Scrapbook of Hopes can be drawn from work done across the term so far, or new projects and activities you will be working on up to the competition closing date.

We're hoping to see a range of exciting ideas and work that may have been inspired by *The Book of Hopes*, our Reading Tree challenge, and local projects that have engaged children in a love of reading and inspired them to connect with their communities.

Reading Tree Challenge

The aim of this challenge is to cover the bare branches and trunk of your Reading Tree with lots of leaves showcasing all the books that the pupils have read and recommended to each other.

Schools that have already been participating in the challenge are welcome to include existing pictures in your scrapbook. If you are new to the challenge then you can find guidance and resources on the Scrapbook of Hopes challenge webpage literacytrust.org.uk/competitions/scrapbook-of-hopes.

These beautiful resources include posters and leaves for book recommendations based on artwork taken from *The Hope Tree* © Axel Scheffler, featured exclusively in *The Book of Hopes* published by Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Book of Hopes teaching and learning activities

We have published a range of free teaching and learning activities inspired by *The Book of Hopes* that aim to support literacy skills and mental wellbeing. Working with Bloomsbury Publishing and partners bringing their own special expertise these resources are free to access on the National Literacy Trust website.

Wellbeing and Literacy: resources inspired by *The Book of Hopes*

literacytrust.org.uk/resources/wellbeing-and-literacy-hope

Developed in collaboration with Place2Be these resources have been built around their four themes to support community recovery.

***The Book of Hopes* – recovery curriculum resources**

literacytrust.org.uk/resources/book-hopes-reading-writing

Including classroom activities and assembly plans, these resources developed with [Twinkl](#) help children reflect, build resilience and develop comprehension skills.

***The Book of Hopes* teaching sequences**

literacytrust.org.uk/resources/book-hopes-resources-year-6-and-7

Developed with [Babcock LDP](#) these resources focus on writing inspired by a theme of hope.

Christmas and New Year card design challenge

Task pupils with designing and writing their own Christmas cards or New Year greetings inspired by the *The Book of Hopes* that can then be sent to neighbours or local care homes.

Book displays

Create displays either in school or for a local community group that feature books that inspire hope, and that children would recommend to others.

Shared reading

Where feasible, promote reading stories from *The Book of Hopes* with their families (this could be in print or from the digital version at literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes). Can they complete a story review? Which is their favourite story and why? Did the person they read with have a different favourite?

Wider reading

The Book of Hopes features contributions from more than 130 fantastic children's writers and illustrators including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson. Encourage your pupils to read and research other books from authors featured in the book.

Your own ideas and activities!

We're also excited to learn what else your school has been working on to inspire hope, build community connections, and embed a love of reading. Do include these in your Scrapbook!

How to enter

Our competition web page literacytrust.org.uk/competitions/scrapbook-of-hopes provides information and resources to help.

1. Use our editable template (available to download on the link above) to write a brief description about your activities – this may be paragraphs or bullet points but shouldn't exceed 250 words
2. Choose up to three pictures that best show us your activities – you can insert into the template or attach them to your email entry
3. Email your template and pictures to bookofhopes@literacytrust.org.uk before the deadline of **31 January 2021**

The prizes

A selection of our favourite school entries will win beautiful artwork from *The Book of Hopes* signed by Katherine Rundell, plus a set of Katherine's children's books including *Rooftoppers* and *The Good Thieves*.

One of these winners will also be chosen at random to win a virtual author visit from Katherine Rundell herself.

Share on Twitter

We'd love to see updates on how you and your pupils are getting on as you enter the competition. Please share any photos or posts about the donated books and the Scrapbook of Hopes challenge on Twitter using the hashtag **#ScrapbookOfHopes** and tagging the handles **@Literacy_Trust**, **@KidsBloomsbury** and **@BupaFoundation**.

Please note

Words and photographs provided in your competition entry may be used in the media, on documents, newsletters, websites, and the social media channels of the National Literacy Trust and partners and funders. You will therefore need to seek parental permission of any children included photographs.

This competition is open only to schools who have been gifted three copies of *The Book of Hopes* from the National Literacy Trust and the Bupa Foundation.

Terms and conditions apply.