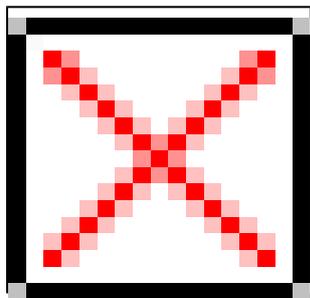




# Happy National Non-Fiction November 2020

It's **National Non-Fiction November**! Organised by the **Federation of Children's Book Groups**, [National Non-Fiction November](#) [1] is an annual celebration of the power of non-fiction to inspire children and celebrate readers who have a passion for information and facts. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of National Non-Fiction November.



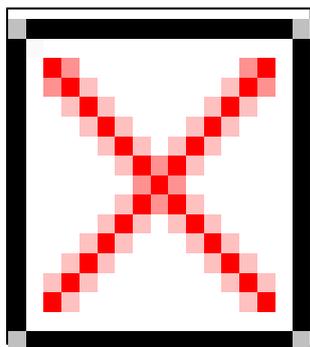
This year's theme is **The Planet We Share**, reflecting the widespread concern for the environmental damage being done to our planet from climate change to plastic pollution. These are big issues for young minds to understand and engage with, says the **FCBG**, but non-fiction can help to explain the problems and suggest ways to help make a difference. Non-fiction can also provide inspiration for taking action, shine a spotlight on the wonder and beauty of the natural world and promote a real sense of hope for the future.

## Get involved

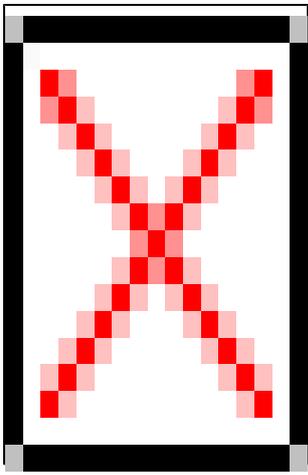
**National Non-Fiction November** will be celebrating the breadth, depth and richness of non-fiction writing, illustrating and publishing for children and young people. Throughout the month, schools, libraries and local **FCBG** groups can get involved by organising and taking part in activities, entering special competitions and making use of the of online resources.

Key activities taking place during the month are:

## The Planet We Share competitions



Key Stage 1 children can [draw or paint a picture of their own toothbrush](#) [2] and suggest ways to reuse or recycle old toothbrushes linked to M G Leonard & Daniel Rieley's colourful eco-story [The Tale of a Toothbrush](#) [3] published by Walker books. Winners will receive a signed copy of the book.



Key Stage 2 children (8-11) and KS3 (12 ? 14) [can write a poem](#) [4] based on any aspect of **The Planet We Share** theme. Winners will be published on **The Poetry Zone** website and will each receive a copy of **The Poetry Zone** anthology and a copy of **The Poetry Guide**, both published by Troika Books, for their school, group or library.

### **National Non-Fiction November Blog and Book Review Tour**

One of the key highlights of the month is a blog programme which aims to offer insights into non-fiction publishing from authors, illustrators, publishers and experts in creating and mediating information books including Steve Cole, Nicola Davies and M G Leonard.

### **Booklists and Supporting Resources**

A [The Planet We Share booklist](#) [5] featuring over 100 information books exploring different aspects of our planet and how we can look after it sits alongside a list offering additional resource suggestions. A list of ideas for activities provides a menu of practical ideas for families, book groups, schools and libraries to explore the theme and encourage reading for general interest and for pleasure.

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[1] <http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november/>

[2] <http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-competitions-2020-key-stage-one/>

[3] <http://w2w.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/242/childrens-books/reviews/the-tale-of-a-toothbrush>

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