National Share a Story Month 2015

National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM) is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfil the core aim of the FCBG of bringing children and stories together. Across the country Federation book groups, Schools, Libraries and individuals run a whole host of events during the month of May. Each year we are inspired by a specific theme and work with different organisations to provide resources and opportunities.

We are delighted to announce that the theme for NSSM 2015 is Dragons! We are sure this exciting topic will lend itself to a whole host of storytelling events, craft activities and workshops or puppet shows. The culture of Chinese, Welsh and Viking dragons could be explored, dragon models made and stories and poems written about shy, fearless, friendly or frightening dragons. There could be research into the science of dragons (could they really fly?), exploration into myths and legends about dragons and suggestions about what a dragon would like for tea.

The ideas are endless and we are really looking forward to hearing about the events and activities planned for the month of May. Do keep us informed at nssm@fcbg.org.uk If groups let us know about their events, they will be entered into a prize draw and the information posted on the website. Publishers have offered us copies of Dragon books and we have been given Dragon illustrations for prizes too.

We encourage book groups to organize Dragon themed short story or poetry competitions and the winning entries can be celebrated on the NSSM page of the FCBG website.

A pack of ideas and suggestions will be sent to each book group and links to useful resources and downloadable material will be available on the NSSM page of the FCBG website. The pack will also be available for download. There will be a list of Dragon stories recommended by the FCBG executive.

Look out for several interesting blog posts from Dragon story writers, illustrators and storytellers during the month.

We wish you all an exciting and dragon inspired month of May!

Look out for the latest news on the FCBG website http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-share-a-story-month/ or e-mail Louise at nssm@fcbg.org.uk