

ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

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October brings longer nights, wilder weather, National Poetry Day and Harvest, to name but a few. Hopefully, our newsletter will inspire you to include some Ulster-Scots in your teaching this month.



Ulster-Scots Poetry



Why not check out some of our Ulster-Scots poets? They hail from all corners of Ulster and have been writing poetry over a span of 300 years.



Twelfth Poems is a KS3 resource with videos of poets reading their poems. Each poem has an attached analysis and word list.



The **Poetry and Literature Archive** is a large collection of both audio and video recordings of the poems of some contemporary Ulster-Scots poets.



The **Woven Word** showcases Ulster's 'Rhyming Weavers', men and women who were weavers and wrote poems to describe their experiences and views on the life they lived.

Poetry

National Poetry Day Thu 2 Oct

The theme for this year's national poetry day in the UK is 'Play'. Here at the Ulster-Scots Agency, we written a short poem in Ulster-Scots for this theme.

It's perfect for Primary school children. It focuses on verbs, linking in easily to Literacy lessons. Whilst the poem is mostly Ulster-Scots, it's easy to read and understand. We've also provided an audio clip so that you can hear the pronunciation of the words. Just click the 'with audio' speech bubble on each slide.

Why not use the poem as a stimulus for pupils to write their own poem. Another option is to add to it; what other things might your pupils do when playing?

Download your National Poetry Day Resources from the Ulster-Scots Agency [here](#).

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Prootas



John Clarke, OBE, was a farmer's son and self-taught scientist from Ballintoy in the early 1900s, developed a potato which could be harvest in June, helping to avoid Blight. He left school at 11 to help his father on the farm and began experimenting with breeding new types of potatoes. In 1936, he developed his first named potato: **Ulster Monarch**. He went on to create 33 varieties of potatoes, 31 of which had Ulster in their names. Thanks to his work, the popular Maris Piper variety was bred, a grandson of one of his varieties. He received an honorary degree from Queen's University, Belfast and an OBE for his work on potato breeding. Click on the **prootas** above to find out more about John and growing potatoes from BBC Bitesize.

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Weather Words

Autumn brings falling leaves, darker nights and a change in the weather.

Sometimes it can be difficult to describe just how woeful weather can be, but Ulster-Scots has got you covered!

Check out our [printable weather words](#) for your classrooms.



A Wee Taste of Ulster-Scots



As farmers begin to think about harvesting the crops, now is a perfect time to try some warm, hearty recipes with our fabulous local grown seasonal produce.

Join Paula McIntyre as she talks you through some traditional Ulster-Scots recipes.

Scotch Broth



Potato Apple



Black Pudding & Clapshot



Click on the images to view the programmes.