

Ulster-Scotch Leid Week or Language Week happens at the end of November, so check out some language resources for yourself and your pupils.

# **Ulster-Scotch Leid Week**

This week is Ulster-Scotch Leid Week or Ulster-Scots Language Week. runs from Monday 24 November to Friday 28 November 2025.

During this week, we celebrate the richness of the Ulster-Scots Language and encourage people to learn about, talk, read and write in Ulster-Scots.

As teachers, we want to encourage you to explore the language with your pupils. We know that not everyone feels confident with the language, so we've linked some great free resources which you can use in your classroom.

Watch this **short video** from the University of Edinburgh as they describe the origins of the

Scots Language of which Ulster-Scots is one of the dialects alongside Southern, Central, Northern and Insular.



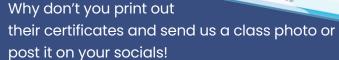
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### **Oor Wurds**

Ulster-Scots, like most other languages, has been influenced by many different languages. Some of our words come from Old English or



Anglo-Saxan, spoken from 450 to 1100BC. The Vikings brought Old Norse with them in around 800AB and after the Norman invastion, Old French influenced Scots too.

During the 1600s, as Scots settled in Ulster, Old Irish words were adopted into the language. Finding out where oor wurds come fromhelps us to understand clabber the history of the wile clabar

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### A Wheen o Wurds

Many of the words that we use on a daily basis are

Ulster-Scots words. They have become an integral part of how we speak here in Ulster. Many people don't even realise how much Ulster-Scots they speak. Find out how much you know by taking our 'Wheen o

WF Marshall, a Rhyming Weaver Poet from Sixmilecross, also know as the Bard of Tyrone, was fascinated by the words spoken in Ulster. He spent a lot of time researching Ulster English and intended to publish a dictionary, however it was genuinely eaten by his dog! Marshall firmly believed that 'dialects are not corruptions of English, as so many people seem to think ... They are the roots of something that has taken centuries to grow and come to flower, and even that's not saying enough. They are the museum ... of the most useful language in the world'

Check out some of his poems here, and listen to some of his most famous poems here.

## **Leid Week**

#### **Resources**



We created **Twarthy Wurds**, a learning resource which teaches 20 Ulster-Scots words accompanied with audio files to help you pronounce the words and use them in context.

There's also a handy **teacher** 

information booklet too!

Check oot\* oor\* display resources from posters tae\* flashcards tae\* collaborative colouring, there's a quare lock o\* stuff to help you showcase the Ulster-Scots Language in your classroom and school.



Twinkl have some Ulster-Scots language

resources which include classroom labels, games and activities.

## **Podcasts**



Widen your knowledge of Ulster-Scots by listening to some podcasts covering aspects of language, culture and heritage. You'll hear **mair than a wheen o words\*** in Ulster-Scots \*more that a few words or a lot of words

'<u>Thran - The Podcast'</u> invites listeners on a journey into Ulster-Scots culture through 12 insightful episodes. Led by Liam Logan and the Negative Waves team, the podcast travels throughout Northern Ireland, engaging with authors, poets, and enthusiasts.





#### '<u>The Auld Meeting Hoose Green</u>

dramatises the joys and hardships of life in a small Ulster-Scots community in the late 19th century. These are based on the stories written by Archibold McIlroy from Ballyclare, produced by Yamal Productions.

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