

ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

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As Autumn settles in, we're celebrating Ulster-Scots Poetry and the innovators whose ideas transformed farming. Welcome the harvest season by trying out some of Paula McIntyre's delicious recipes, perfect for the cooler nights!



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.



Twarthy 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 1 Oct

The theme for this year's national poetry day in the UK is 'Wonder'. Here at the Ulster-Scots Agency, we asked local poet, Anne McMaster, to write a poem around this theme in Ulster-Scots.

Perfect for Primary school children, this poem celebrates some of the wonderful things in our world and ends with a gentle reminder for readers to discover the wonder within themselves. 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.

You could use the poem as a stimulus for pupils to write their own poem using some of the Ulster-Scots words in the glossary.

Download your National Poetry Day Resources from the Ulster-Scots Agency

[here.](#)



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JOHN CLARKE, HARRY FERGUSON AND CYRUS MCCORMICK

These three Ulster-Scots Innovators revolutionised the world of farming and we're still benefiting from their work today.



Leaving school at only 11, **John Clarke** became a renowned self-taught scientist who bred the first blight free potato, **The Ulster Monarch**, and introduced 33 new varieties. One of these is the 'grandfather' of the Maris Piper potato, a popular variety today.

In 1946, **Harry Ferguson** perfected his revolutionary **three-point linkage** system, a design which transformed farming across the world. So effective was his invention, it is still used widely on farms today.

Cyrus McCormick's ancestors emigrated from Co Tyrone and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, an area of Ulster-Scots settlement. He invented the first **practical reaping machine** allowing farmers to harvest 12 acres of crop per day instead of the ½ acre they had been harvesting by hand previously.



Booking a Workshop



Booking a workshop is easy - just call or email to organise a visit from one of our Education Officers.

Workshops can be tailored to suit the age range of the pupils, class size and topics already being explored in the classroom. And best of all - workshops are FREE!

Find our contact details below.

Resources

Finding resources for your classroom is easy when you use our clickable resource maps. Find Primary and Post-Primary maps **here** on our Google Drive.



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. Why not incorporate these recipes into your Home Economics lessons or After-Schools Cookery Club.



Black Treacle & Oat Pancakes



Potato Apple



Lamb in Stout with Honey & Neeps



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