

ENGLISH

Welcome to the English Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

The nights are undeniably drawing in and the autumn colour is apparent with the leaves turning rusty red and golden brown. At the end of October, we gain an hour; the clocks fall back. Use that hour wisely! It is National Book Month, so perhaps catch up on some reading.

READ

Oscar Wilde was born this month, in Dublin. Best known for his plays and poetry, Wilde also wrote fairytales, including *The Happy Prince*, and a novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, and his knack for witty observation gave many of his quotes a timeless quality. Read the two quotes coined by Wilde below, and consider the meaning of his well-crafted words:

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

WATCH

Myths and Legends Day is celebrated this month and there are so many to consider: *King Arthur*, *Robin Hood*, *The Beast of Bodmin Moor*, *The Trojan Horse*, *Pandora's Box* and many, many more.

Let's take a look at the legend of *Prometheus* – a figure of Greek mythology who stole fire from the gods and gave it to humanity:

[The myth of Prometheus: Iseult Gillespie](#) - YouTube

LISTEN

The last Friday in October has been dubbed 'Frankenstein Friday'. The day commemorates Gothic writer Mary Shelley and her famous novel *Frankenstein*.

Did you know that the other title given to her great work was *The Modern Prometheus*? To find out more, listen to a summary of the gothic tale by Shelley here:

[Video SparkNotes: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein summary](#) - YouTube

DO

The last day of October is Halloween, so the task is linked to something spooky:

Write a creative story with these elements:

Setting: An attic or cellar

Main character: A teenager

Spooky object: An ancient key

Big idea: Isolation

Conflict: The weather or an animal