

Literacy This Week



Yukon Literacy
Coalition

We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.

Happy New Year!

New Year's Day marks the beginning of a new calendar year. It is the first day of the year according to the modern Gregorian calendar and the Julian calendar.

New Year's Day was celebrated on January 1st for the first time in 45 BC under the Julian calendar. Later, Pope Gregory acknowledged January 1st as the beginning of the new year as per his reform of the Catholic Liturgical calendar.

People across the world celebrate this day with fireworks at the stroke of midnight, grand feasts, dancing, toasts, and other fun activities. Canadians have been known to ice fish into the new year, skate on frozen ponds, and if they're lucky the aurora will appear throughout the night. A common tradition is making New Year's resolutions to work towards achieving in the coming year.

In Canada, often we celebrate the beginning of the New Year with a polar bear swim! Brave individuals plunge into freezing waters to reset and start off the New Year feeling invigorated! The event started in Vancouver in the early 1900s, and today takes place in various communities across the country.

No matter how you and your family choose to celebrate, we wish you all the best for an enjoyable 2022!



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