



Dear parent

Your free Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag

Starting school is an exciting time and challenging time for your child. To help you support their reading, writing and counting skills, your child will soon receive a free bag of books and activities from Bookbug.

Your child's P1 Bag will contain:

- **three picture books nominated for the Scottish Children's Book Awards, so your child will be able to take part and vote**
- **an activity book with fun ways to enjoy reading, writing and counting together**
- **a whiteboard, pen and a pack of coloured pencils**

The P1 Bag was produced by Scottish Book Trust in conjunction with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government as part of Read, Write, Count, a campaign which aims to increase the reading, writing and counting skills of children in P1 to P3.

For more information:

The Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag: scottishbooktrust.com/p1bag

Make the most of your P1 Bag with videos of the authors reading the books, accessible versions of the books, recommended books for P1s and how to take part in the Scottish Children's Book Awards.

Read, Write, Count: www.readwritecount.scot

Simple, fun ideas for building reading, writing and counting into everyday life, whether that's at the shops, on the bus, at mealtimes or simply playing at home.

Book Week Scotland: bookweekscotland.com

The P1 Bag is given out as part of Book Week Scotland, 23–29 November 2015. You and your family can take part in many events happening in libraries and other venues all over the country through the week. If you can't make it to an event, we have loads of competitions, games and things to do online from the comfort of your own sofa.

Get involved and have fun with your child!

With best wishes from

Scottish Book Trust



Book Week Scotland

23–29 November 2015

Book Week Scotland is a national celebration of books and reading. During Book Week Scotland we hold around 800 book events all over Scotland with schools, libraries, bookshops and many others. Gifting the P1 Bag during Book Week Scotland draws families' attention to this national celebration and can give them an extra boost to help their child become regular library users and enthusiastic readers. You can encourage families to take part in Book Week Scotland by involving your local library in your P1 gifting event. Book Week Scotland is a great way to make books for the focus for your whole school.

Book Week Scotland is for you too! We hold events for children and adults, in all genres from comics to travel to romance, for budding writers and avid readers – you're sure to find something to enjoy. If you can't make it to an event, we have loads of competitions, games and things to do online from the comfort of your own sofa. Book Week Scotland is a chance for everyone to share our love for reading.

www.bookweekscotland.com

The P1 Bag and Read, Write, Count

This P1 Bag was produced by Scottish Book Trust in conjunction with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government as part of Read, Write, Count – a new literacy and numeracy campaign for Primary 1 to 3 children.

Read, Write, Count seeks to build on the success of the PlayTalkRead and Bookbug programmes in the early years. Through the campaign, all P1 to P3 children will receive literacy and numeracy resources and there will be outreach sessions run locally to support parents, carers and communities.

www.readwritecount.scot



Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag

This November, Bookbug is giving every Primary 1 child in Scotland a free bag of books and resources to take part in the Scottish Children's Book Awards.

The Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag has been expanded to include more activities and resources focused specifically on writing and counting for the very first time.

This forms part of the Scottish Government's new Read, Write, Count literacy and numeracy campaign, which aims to increase the reading, writing and counting skills of children in P1 to P3.

A new website has also been developed where parents and carers will be able to find simple, fun ideas for building reading, writing and counting into everyday life, whether that's at the shops, on the bus, at mealtimes, at the library or just playing at home. Find out more about Read, Write, Count at www.readwritecount.scot.

To help the children and your school make the most of these P1 Bags, we've created this free resource kit. Inside you'll find:

- your school's copies of the **three books** shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards;
- a **poster** about the awards for your classroom;
- CfE-linked **resources** with great ideas for using the books with your class;
- a **letter** you can photocopy and send to parents to explain why their children are receiving the books (please send this home before sending the bags).

We hope that this letter and resource kit will help you to plan some creative learning around the books, get pupils and parents excited about the bags and take part in the voting for the Scottish Children's Book Awards.

The P1 Bag and the Scottish Children's Book Awards

Taking part in the Scottish Children's Book Awards is the perfect opportunity to embed the P1 Bag in creative learning. Discussing and reviewing the books is a great way to promote Enjoyment and Choice in reading, and voting in the awards will give your pupils a strong sense of citizenship and an early experience of democracy in action.



The P1 Bag: a fantastic resource for school and the home

After you've used the P1 Bags for class literacy and numeracy activities, it's time for them to go home with the children! The bag contains an activity book for parents and children to complete together at home, a whiteboard and pen to encourage children to draw, write and count, plus a voting slip to encourage parents to take part in the Scottish Children's Book Awards with their children.

Reading for pleasure has a greater influence on attainment than a child's social or economic background, and children are more likely to read for pleasure if reading is celebrated at home from an early age. The P1 Bag is a great way to inspire parents and children to read, write and count together, and a great first step in increasing children's future literacy and numeracy attainment.

www.scottishbooktrust.com/p1bag

Key dates for the P1 Bag and the SCBA

- **2 September 2015** The shortlisted books are announced. Visit www.scottishbooktrust.com/scba to find out how to **register** to take part: it's quick and easy! Once you register, you'll receive updates about the awards to remind you of these dates.
- **October 2015** Your school receives the P1 Bags. Please photocopy and send the parents' letter included over the page to parents.
- **Read** and **discuss** the books, and watch the online videos of the authors reading their books. Why not get your pupils to write **reviews** for our competition? Prizes include an author visit to your school and book tokens.
- Get stuck into some fun, creative learning with our inspiring Learning Resources! You could get older pupils involved by running a Shared Reading project.
- **23–29 November 2015** Give out the bags during Book Week Scotland. Invite parents along to this and ask them to read with their children. Hold a gifting event at your local library – it's a great opportunity for children to join and borrow books.
- You can cast your **votes** for the Scottish Children's Book Awards online at any time. Why not set up a ballot box in the classroom? You can use the voting as a learning context for various numeracy and writing activities.
- **5 February 2016** Voting deadline – submit your pupils votes. Your voting form is in your registration profile on our website.
- **2 March 2016** Winners announced – you could hold a class party to celebrate!

www.scottishbooktrust.com/scba

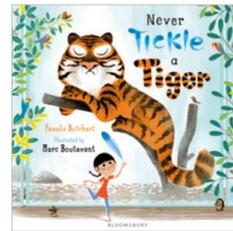
Some example classroom activities

Never Tickle a Tiger

by Pamela Butchart and Marc Boutavant

Create your own zoo

LIT 0-09a, LIT 0-14a, Exa 0-02a, MNU 0-01a, MNU 0-02a



Get your pupils to research and paint animals. Then arrange the animal pictures around the room, sorted into categories just like a zoo. Ask the children questions about how the animals have been categorised, mentioning different features e.g. numbers of legs/eyes/horns. Get them to make a zoo map and draw information leaflets and zoo tickets. Include counting in this activity – how many tickets do we need? How much does a ticket cost? Build

a zoo reception desk where these can be given out to visitors. Some pupils can take responsibility for the desk, and others can be zookeepers, assigned to different areas of the zoo to tell visitors fun facts about the animals. Count the animals and make comparisons using vocabulary like *more* and *less*.

Using the book, involve children in counting – how many children go into the zoo, how many had lunch, how many didn't have lunch, how many are there altogether?

Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar

by Emily MacKenzie

List making

Lit 0-11b, MNU 0-02a, MNU 0-03a, MNU 0-20a



Ralfy loves to make lists of books. Why not try making some lists with your pupils? They can come up with a list of five books they'd like to read: have them recommend or bring in their favourite books. Ask your local library if they can supply you with books for this activity. Count the books and identify where you can see numbers throughout the stories. Your pupils could use the mini whiteboards supplied in their P1 Bag to write down their lists.

Why not pay a visit to your local library and help your pupils find some of the books on their lists?

Using the book, how many things are in Arthur's Surveillance Kit? Count how many children are in the library. Look at the telephone: what is the number before 9? How many things are in Arthur's Surveillance Kit? Count how many children are in the library.



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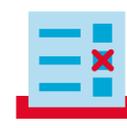
Read



Discuss



Review



Vote

Mouse's First Night at Moonlight School

by Simon Puttock and Ali Pye

Spellbinding counting poetry

Lit 0-20a, MNU 0-02a, MNU 0-03a



Write a magic potion poem together, listing items that could be thrown into a cauldron. They will need to decide what their magic potion will do. Give the pupils multi-sensory stimuli by bringing in some props. Allow the pupils to look at, touch and count the various items, then come up with some good ways of describing them. What adjectives can be used?

You can write the poem on the board, using the following framework, which will also help develop pupils' counting skills:

- **First, you will need a bright orange book.**
- **Second, a thick woolly jumper.**
- **Third, a....**

Take suggestions from pupils for each line of the poem until you finish!

Using the book, try counting the creatures of the night from the classroom, and the wands on the shelf. Can the children: recognise the numbers on the number line; use the number line for counting; and count forwards and backwards from various numbers including beyond the number line?

Inspire and motivate pupils with Shared Reading

Shared Reading increases older pupils' attainment and engagement with reading, and is a wonderful opportunity for younger pupils to form lasting relationships with their older reading buddies. The experience of sharing a picture book with a younger child can boost an older pupil's confidence in reading aloud and has been linked to improved attitude and concentration in class.

We have a step-by-step guide to running shared reading projects at www.scottishbooktrust.com/sharedreading.

Any questions?

If you have not received the P1 Bags by 9 November 2015, please contact your P1 Bag coordinator. Their contact details can be found here: www.scottishbooktrust.com/p1contacts.

Alternatively, please contact a member of Scottish Book Trust's Early Years team on: bookbug@scottishbooktrust.com or 0131 524 0179.

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