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Create a Reading Culture 2019–20

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Creating a reading culture

At Scottish Book Trust we want to support you to create a vibrant reading culture in your classroom and school.

A vibrant reading culture is proven to help improve attainment, creativity and health and wellbeing across the curriculum.

This booklet highlights the variety of programmes we offer that will help you inspire a lifelong love of reading in your pupils. From initiatives like the First Minister's Reading Challenge which puts reading for pleasure at the heart of Scottish education, to our Authors Live broadcasts which stream author events directly to your pupils, there are lots of programmes, funding opportunities and resources available to support you.

Look out for:

-  **Author events**
-  **Free resources**
-  **Funding**
-  **Parental involvement**
-  **Get pupils writing**
-  **Encourage pupil voice**

Age category

-  **Early Years**
-  **Lower Primary**
-  **Upper Primary**
-  **Secondary**
-  **ASN**

The First Minister's Reading Challenge aims to build on the work happening in your school to encourage children and young people to read widely, explore a range of books and develop a love of reading. The challenge encourages schools to:

- > Create and embed a reading culture
- > Work in partnership with libraries and communities
- > Celebrate pupils' individual reading journeys

Register your school to take part and order or download your free curriculum-linked resources by visiting the First Minister's Reading Challenge website.

Challenges

We have a range of challenges for schools to enter, recognising the reading journeys of individual pupils, groups and whole schools. We celebrate these amazing reading journeys taken by schools across Scotland at our exciting showcase event held in June.

Challenges for primary:

- > School Reading Journey
- > Gaelic Medium Education Reading Journey
- > School-Community Partnership Reading Journey
- > School Reading the Most Books
- > Pupil Reading Journey
- > Pupil Reading the Most Books

Challenges for secondary:

- > Reading Inspiration Challenge

Bookzilla app (S1–3)

We've worked with teenagers across Scotland to produce a new app to support them with their book choices and reading.

Download the Bookzilla app for free now from the Apple or Android store.



Classroom resources

Find brilliant resources including the new Reading Escape Room, film-making exercises, quizzes, games and Authors Live events to help you build a reading culture in your school. Everything is linked to CfE and all the resources are free to download and use. We'll also be sharing videos throughout the year which showcase great examples of building a reading culture in school.

Funding opportunities

Registered groups can also apply for funding to invite an author or creative practitioner into the school to inspire their pupils.

- > Inspiring Classrooms: £500 grants for primary schools
- > Creative Workshops: £500–1000 grants for secondary schools
- > Library Fund: £500 grants for libraries
- > Community Fund: £500 grants for community groups

Key dates

19 August 2019

Registration and funding applications open

28 October 2019

Funding applications close for Creative Workshops, Library Fund and Community Fund

4 November 2019

Funding applications close for Inspiring Classrooms

1 May 2020

Submissions deadline

'We have been on this reading journey for three years now and we are amazed at the difference the First Minister's Reading Challenge has made to our young readers and how it has also inspired our teachers.'

Head Teacher, Knightsridge Primary School

Find out more

Website: readingchallenge.scot

Contact: readingchallenge@scottishbooktrust.com

Bookbug is Scotland's universal book gifting programme and aims to inspire a love of stories, songs and rhymes from birth. All children in Scotland should have received their first 3 Bookbug bags by the time they reach school.

All Primary 1 children receive the three shortlisted books for the Bookbug Picture Book Prize in the Bookbug P1 Family Bag.

The Bookbug Picture Book Prize celebrates Scottish picture books and encourages reading for pleasure by empowering children to read, enjoy and vote for their favourite book. The prize is voted for entirely by children from across Scotland and is open to all pupils, not just P1s. Pupils across your whole school can take part by reading the books or watching the videos of the shortlisted books on our website.

We work with CALL Scotland to produce symbol resources and digital versions of all the shortlisted books. Visit symbolsforall.org.uk/bookbug for more information.

Key dates

28 August 2019

Bookbug Picture Book Prize shortlist announced

October/November 2019

Bookbug P1 Family Bags arrive at your school

18–24 November 2019

Hold a celebration event and gift your bags during Book Week Scotland

6 December 2019

Voting deadline for Bookbug Picture Book Prize

29 January 2020

Bookbug Picture Book Prize winner announced



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug

Contact: bookbug@scottishbooktrust.com

Book Week Scotland is our annual week-long celebration of books and reading, this year running 18–24 November 2019. Ways to get involved:

- > Host a gifting event for your Bookbug P1 Family Bag and Read, Write, Count P2 or P3 bags. Why not invite parents and carers into school to celebrate reading?
- > Join in the Big Book Swap on 22 November to raise money for Scottish Book Trust so that everyone can benefit from the magic of books and stories. Sign up to get your free fundraising guide on our website from September
- > Watch one of our Authors Live events celebrating Scots and Gaelic (P1-7) or Nikeshe Shukla (S1-6), or watch any of our previous events in our Watch on Demand Library

Get tips, inspiration and ideas to spark a school reading culture during Book Week Scotland by visiting our website.



Find out more

Website: bookweekscotland.com/schools

Contact: info@scottishbooktrust.com

The Read, Write, Count programme gifts bags to all P2 and P3 children in Scotland. These bags are gifted by Scottish Book Trust and are part of the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing the attainment gap. The bags are a great opportunity to build relationships with parents and strengthen links between home and school learning. Every pupil receives a bag filled with books, maths games and writing materials.

Learning resources

Visit our website to download CfE-linked resources for each item that have been created with Education Scotland. You'll also find activity ideas, videos, worksheets and case studies to help make the most of the bags at school and at home.

Bag gifting

To build excitement amongst your pupils why not hold a gifting event during Book Week Scotland and invite parents and carers in?

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October/November 2019

P2 and P3 bags arrive at your school

18–24 November 2019

Hold your celebration event and gift your bags

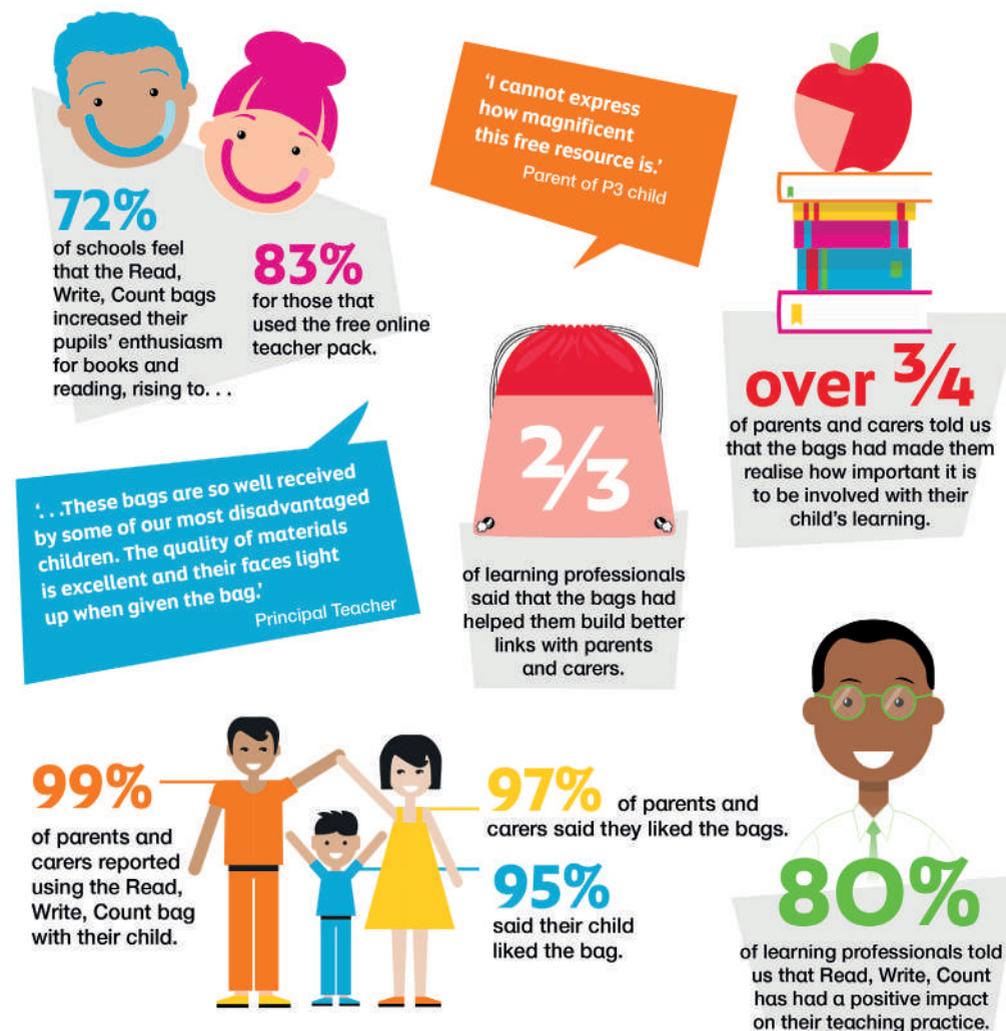


'I think Read, Write, Count is a great initiative. Many families cannot afford to buy new books and number games for their children so receiving this lovely gift is very exciting for the children.'

Teacher, Gilmerton Primary School



Feedback from Read, Write, Count 2018



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/readwritecount

Contact: readwritecount@scottishbooktrust.com

What's Your Story?



What's Your Story? is a Scotland-wide programme of support for teenage writers and illustrators. We offer free extracurricular professional support, opportunities and events for passionate teens aged 13-19.

The What's Your Story? programme includes:

- > StoryCon: Our annual creative writing and illustration event for ages 13-19
- > StoryMag: an online magazine for 13-19-year-old writers and illustrators from across Scotland. All submissions receive professional feedback
- > StoryBoard: a year-long development programme for 7 young people aged 14-17 from across Scotland, giving them a 'crash course' in living and working as a writer and illustrator. Applications to the programme open in September

Find out more and direct teens to the What's Your Story? website.



Find out more

Website: thestoryis.co.uk

Contact: teen@scottishbooktrust.com

50 Word Fiction



50 Word Fiction is open to all aspiring writers, with categories for young writers aged 5-11, 12-18 and Gaelic writers. Each month we set a different

theme to inspire creative writing. Send us your pupils' stories or poems and they could win brilliant books or a notebook.

Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/50words

Contact: info@scottishbooktrust.com

Live Literature



Meeting authors, illustrators, poets and storytellers face-to-face can inspire pupils with their own writing and reading. You can apply for part-funded author visits from some of the amazing authors, storytellers or creative practitioners on our Live Literature directory. You pay just £75 plus VAT per session, and we cover the rest of the author's fee and all travel expenses.

Live Literature School Residencies

The fully-funded programme gives you the chance to work with creative practitioners over a school year on a creative project you devise together.

Key dates

25 September 2019

Application deadline for part-funded January-March 2020 visits

22 January 2020

Application deadline for part-funded April-December 2020 visits

Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/live-literature

Contact: live.literature@scottishbooktrust.com

Key Dates Calendar 2019–20

August

14 Scottish Book Trust Award nominations open

19 First Minister's Reading Challenge registration and funding applications open and Bookzilla app launches

28 The Bookbug Picture Book Prize shortlist announced

September

2 Scottish Teenage Book Prize voting opens

12 Authors Live event with Konnie Huq

25 Live Literature applications for January–March 2020 visits close

October

2 Authors Live LGBTQ+ poetry event

28 First Minister's Reading Challenge funding applications for Creative Workshops, Library Fund and Community Fund close

November

4 First Minister's Reading Challenge funding applications for Inspiring Classrooms closes

15 Scottish Book Trust Award nominations close

18–24 Book Week Scotland

19 Authors Live event with Nikesh Shukla

21 Authors Live Scots and Gaelic event

December

6 The Bookbug Picture Book Prize voting deadline

January

22 Live Literature applications for April–December 2020 visits close

29 The Bookbug Picture Book Prize winner announced

30 Authors Live with Kwame Alexander

February

7 Scottish Teenage Book Prize voting deadline

27 Scottish Teenage Book Prize winner announced

March

3 Authors Live 10 year anniversary event with Michael Rosen and Tanya Roberts

April

tbc Scottish Book Trust Award winners announced

May

1 First Minister's Reading Challenge submissions deadline

June

tbc First Minister's Reading Challenge celebration event

tbc What's Your Story? StoryCon

The Scottish Teenage Book Prize encourages pupils to read for pleasure and celebrates the best in Scottish teen fiction. The winning book is voted for entirely by young people across Scotland. To give young people a wider range of books to read, we opened the submission criteria to include graphic novels, poetry and non-fiction, as well as all books from Scottish publishers.

Visit our website to register your class or book group, download our book club resources and cast your pupils' votes.

We work with CALL Scotland to produce digital versions of the books.

Key dates

2 September 2019
Voting opens

7 February 2020
Voting deadline

27 February 2020
Winner announced



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/stbp

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com

For over 20 years the Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour has been bringing the best UK and international authors to schools across Scotland for fully-funded author events. Previously toured authors include Julia Donaldson, Chris Riddell, Jacqueline Wilson, Malorie Blackman and Patrick Ness.

Giving your pupils the opportunity to meet these fabulous authors will help to inspire a love of reading, writing and illustration in your school and can be the spark that ignites your reading culture.

We visit every local authority in Scotland, so check our website for information on upcoming tours in your area.

'I thought it was wonderful and can guarantee that you [David Almond] inspired the whole audience not just to be writers but inspired them to believe that they can be anything they want when they are older. I certainly know you inspired me.'

Pupil, Beeslack Community High School, David Almond Tour



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/booktour

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com

Authors Live brings the best authors straight into your classroom. These amazing author events are filmed live with BBC Scotland Digital – Learning and are streamed direct to you.

You can register your pupils to watch the author event live, or you can watch previous events via our Watch On Demand Library. To help you embed the events in the classroom, there are also free CfE-linked resources to support each author broadcast.

Since 2010
our Authors Live
broadcasts have
been watched
by over 1,000,000
viewers!



2019–20 Programme

14 September 2019

Konnie Huq (P4–7)

2 October 2019

LGBTQ+ Poetry Event (S1–6)

19 November 2019

Nikesh Shukla (S1–6)

21 November 2019

Scots and Gaelic Event (P1–7)

30 January 2020

Kwame Alexander (S1–6)

3 March 2020

10 year anniversary event with Michael Rosen and Tanya Roberts (P3–S1)

Watch On Demand

Our Watch On Demand Library has over 90 author events for pupils of all ages to enjoy. Visit our website to see the full list of author events available to watch. Here are a few highlights which your pupils will love:

- > Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton explore the making of *Shifty McGifty* and *Slippery Sam* P1-3
- > Julia Donaldson performs *What the Ladybird Heard* P1-3
- > Kes Gray reads *Quick Quack Quentin* P1-3
- > Mairi Hedderwick discusses *Katie Morag* P1-3
- > Martin Brown illustrates *Horrible Histories* P4-7
- > Roald Dahl Day celebration special P4-7
- > David Walliams reads *Gangsta Granny* P4-7

- > Lauren St John and Elizabeth Laird taking on the environment P4–7
- > David Almond on writing S1-S4
- > Patrick Ness on why young adult fiction matters S1-4
- > Poetry Slam - Paul Lyalls, Elspeth Murray and Dizraeli battle it out S1-6

Events are also available for you to enjoy in bite-sized chunks on the BBC website.



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/authorslive | bbc.co.uk/authorslive

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com

Scottish Book Trust Awards

Learning Professional Award

The Scottish Book Trust Learning Professional Award is run in association with Browns Books for Students and celebrates the people in your community who work tirelessly to spread a love of reading and writing.

Nominate a teacher, classroom assistant, librarian or early years professional who has inspired young readers and writers. The winning learning professional will receive £500 to spend with Browns Books for Students for their school or library.



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/sbta

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com
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The Bookbug Hero Award

Do you know someone who is doing amazing work with Bookbug and making a difference to the families they work with? Nominate a librarian, early years worker, volunteer, health visitor or anyone who uses Bookbug in their work for the inaugural Bookbug Hero Award in association with Walker Books. The winner will receive a bundle of picture books worth £500 from Walker Books.

Key dates

14 August 2019

Nominations for both awards open

15 November 2019

Nominations for both awards close

April 2020

Winners announced

Learning Resources

To help you to build a reading culture in your school and embed reading for pleasure through the programmes and events we offer into your classroom, we have a bank of fantastic free CfE-linked learning resources available on our website. These resources are full of activity ideas to use with your pupils, both primary and secondary. Resources include:

- > General resources to be used with any book
- > A full suite of resources to support our Authors Live broadcasts
- > Themed resources to help you explore a topic or plan a project
- > Resources on supporting readers with dyslexia
- > Resources for pupils with additional support needs, including videos and read-alongs
- > Top writing tips from your favourite authors

Our three most downloaded resources are:

- > Creating a reading culture: get your whole school reading
- > 10 great activities to do with any book (primary and secondary)
- > Using wordless picture books

Our website also hosts a collection of case studies and projects from teachers across Scotland for you to use as a source of great teaching inspiration.



Find out more

Website: scottishbooktrust.com/resources

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com

Every year we travel across Scotland delivering CLPL sessions which aim to support and inspire you to build a reading culture and share a love of books with your pupils. Through a session from Scottish Book Trust you will discover how best to engage with our programmes and how to ensure they have a deep and lasting impact on the children and young people you work with. You will gain practical ideas to implement in your school, as well as the opportunity to share ideas and experience with professionals in your area. Sessions include:

- > Creating a Reading Culture in your primary or secondary school
- > Gifting the Read, Write, Count bags
- > Gifting the Bookbug P1 Family Bag

If you are interested in attending or hosting a CLPL session, get in touch. We can also deliver training remotely through our eLearning platform.

Find out more

Contact: schools@scottishbooktrust.com



‘Thank you! Very informative session – very helpful. Great to see such passion about books and encouraging our children to grow up having books and the joy of reading.’

Head Teacher,
Avenue End Primary School

Castleton Primary School, Glasgow

‘Our reading journey at Castleton Primary School is now in its third year of transformational change. We started in 2016-17 by using surveys to reach out to stakeholders in our community, to find out how they felt about reading for enjoyment in their everyday lives. When the First Minister’s Reading Challenge launched we were off!

We started with an iREAD week full of author visits, home learning activities, illustrator sessions, library visits and started to complete the First Minister’s Reading Challenge reading journey passports. We were delighted to be awarded a Local Authority Prize as a whole school in full recognition of this work as part of the First Minister’s Reading Challenge.

Through great opportunities and building a relationship with Scottish Book Trust through their Reading Buddies programme with P7 and P1, and our use of Live Literature funding, we are continuing to build a thriving reading culture.

Thank you to Scottish Book Trust for maintaining a great working relationship with Castleton and always reaching out to us and offering us opportunities in reading.’

Kirsty Wilkie, Teacher



Creating a reading culture: Impact Report

Tollcross Primary School, Edinburgh

Hazel Dripps, a Principal Teacher at Tollcross Primary School in Edinburgh, held a party to launch the Read, Write, Count bags. Parents and carers joined their children in school to explore the resources in the bags and a local librarian came along to read one of the books from the bag and talk to families about the library.

'Families liked the importance being placed on reading and an opportunity to spend time with their child in school and to meet with the wider school community.

Following the launch party each class has visited the library with school and we have provided forms for all learners to become members of the library. When we visited the library a few weeks ago, a librarian read one of the stories from the bag and the children all read it along with them. This showed that they knew the story really well, that the resources were being used at home and that months on they could still retell it.

There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for reading for enjoyment and I feel providing high quality resources for the home has hugely supported this. Now when we bring out one of the Read, Write, Count books the children are still so excited to read it and exclaim 'I have that in my house!'



Scottish Book Trust would like to thank:



Scottish Book Trust is an independent national charity that believes books, reading and writing have the power to change lives. A love of reading inspires creativity, improves employment opportunities, mental health and wellbeing, and is one of the most effective ways to help break the poverty cycle. We work towards a Scotland where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive through literacy.

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