

READ WRITE COUNT 2018

Each year during Book Week Scotland, Scottish Book Trust gift every P2 and 3 child in Scotland a Read, Write, Count bag, full of books, numeracy games and writing activities to support families to have fun learning together. We offer schools training and resources to help them make the most of the bags and build enthusiasm for home learning.



72%

of schools feel that the Read, Write, Count bags increased their pupils' enthusiasm for books and reading, rising to...

83%

for those that used the free online teacher pack.

Schools that invited families in for a gifting event were:

48%

more likely to report an increase in pupils' enthusiasm for maths and numeracy.



80%

of learning professionals told us that Read, Write, Count has had a positive impact on their teaching practice.



of learning professionals said that the bags had helped them build better links with parents and carers.

... These bags are so well received by some of our most disadvantaged children. The quality of materials is excellent and their faces light up when given the bag!

Principal Teacher

'I cannot express how magnificent this free resource is!'

Parent of P3 child

99%

of parents and carers reported using the Read, Write, Count bag with their child.



97%

of parents and carers said they liked the bags.

95%

said their child liked the bag.

Parent and carers who attended a gifting event were twice as likely to:

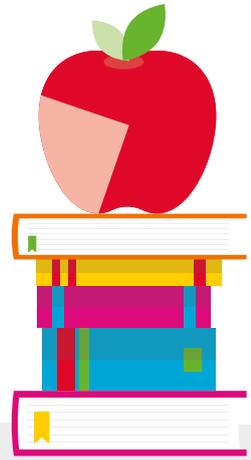


Talk to school about learning at home.

Use the bag a lot.

'My little boy LOVES the holes in the book! He'd never seen anything like it. He now reads words in other books pretending the crocodile has eaten those too and I've to guess which letter the crocodile has eaten.'

Parent of P2 child



over $\frac{3}{4}$

of parents and carers told us that the bags had made them realise how important it is to be involved with their child's learning.

Case study: 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!'



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