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Dear colleagues,

Please find below the November Update from the Highland Emerging Literacy Working Group.

P1 Bookbug Pack

Many schools engaged with the Highland Library Service through their '[P1 Bookbug Family Pack](#)' training towards the end of October/ early November. It's great to hear that many schools have arranged to work with the Highland Library Service this week ([Book Week Scotland](#)) to support the gifting of the P1 Bookbug Pack. Working in partnership with the Library Service is a great way to instil a love of reading.

Emerging Literacy Training

We delivered another 'Emerging Literacy' session after the October holidays in Inverness. We have now trained 80% of staff working with Primary 1 children across the Authority. The Emerging Literacy Working Group are in the process of organising further training events in the Fort William and Thurso areas – more details will follow.

Developmental Continua

The Emerging Literacy Group have been further developing the [Developmental Continua](#) which underpin Emerging Literacy. They have been reviewing the Phonological Awareness, Pre-Handwriting, Concepts of Print and Oral Language materials with P1 practitioners. After the Christmas break there will be materials to supplement the [Phonological Awareness Continuum](#) published on the Highland Literacy Blog in August 2015.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Screening Checklists which can be used for the Phonological Awareness, Fine Motor Skills, Pre-Writing Skills and Scissor Skills Developmental Continua to track the progress of the children in your class.

Primary One Literacy Assessment and Action Resource (POLAAR)

Thank you to all of the schools who have returned their Early Literacy Environmental Assessments in October and November. We now have picture of where people are at in terms of the 31 aspects within the audit. We will be collecting the data again after the Christmas holidays.

Some of you may have started using the Three Minute Assessments as part of the [POLAAR](#) resource. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a spreadsheet which may be useful in recording this data for your Primary 1 pupils. We are aware that you will most likely only be assessing pupils using the Three Minute Assessments if they have reached the end of the [Phonological Awareness Continuum](#).