

If you missed it, [CLICK HERE](#) for the August 2016 Emerging Literacy Update

Dear colleagues,

Please find below the October Update from the Highland Emerging Literacy Group.

Emerging Literacy around Highland

During Term 1 we have worked with a number of practitioners through our whole day training events, Head Teacher meetings and our local networks.

Our local networks have been a great way in supporting practitioners through taking a developmental approach, supporting at various points throughout the academic session. We are currently supporting 50 schools through our local networks this session. If you're developing Emerging Literacy this session but you've not yet joined one of our local networks the dates and venues of our networks can be found below. The next local networks (Session 3) will have a focus on supporting language development within the classroom environment.

Network Locality	Session 3	Venue
Badenoch and Strathspey	17/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Aviemore Primary School
Culloden and Nairn ASGs	09/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Culloden Library
Dingwall and Fortrose ASGs	08/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Maybank Primary School
Invergordon and Alness ASGs	07/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Bridgend Primary School
Inverness Central Network	10/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Crown Primary School
Lochaber Network	24/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Lundavra Primary School
North Network	22/11/2016 4pm – 6pm	Pennyland Primary School

Primary 1 Bookbug Pack

A number of practitioners have attended, or will attend over the next two weeks, one of the Bookbug/ 'Read, Write, Count' sessions at one of the Highland libraries.

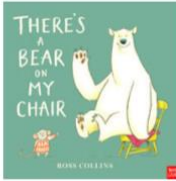
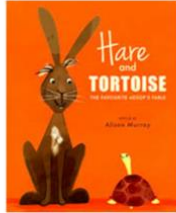

Working in conjunction with the library service is a great way to support the development of Emerging Literacy, in particular [Concepts of Print](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on how you can develop the Primary 1 Bookbug pack in the classroom. It is recommended that these packs are gifted during [Book Week Scotland](#) – Monday 21st – Sunday 27th November 2016.

What does the Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag include?

This year's P1 Family Bag includes:

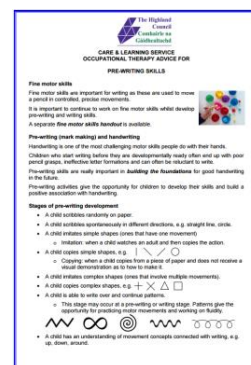
- Three brilliant picture books, all shortlisted for The Bookbug Picture Book Prize 2017:

		
<i>There's a Bear on my Chair</i> by Ross Collins	<i>Hare and Tortoise</i> by Alison Murray	<i>Shark in the Park on a Windy Day!</i> by Nick Sharratt
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Pre-Handwriting – updated resources

When using the Pre-Handwriting Skills Continuum to support motor development, learners develop Fine Motor Skills, Scissor Skills and Pre-writing Skills.

Check out the [Pre Handwriting](#) blog page under the Emerging Literacy tab to access the new for 2016/2017 Pre-Writing Skills handout and the updated 2016/2017 handouts for Fine Motor Skills, Scissor Skills and Posture and Seating.



Emerging Literacy Blog Posts

A few blog posts from last term which we would recommend you checking out to support Emerging Literacy development.

Post	Content	Link
Language Rich Environments	Use The Communication Trust's resources to support the development of a language rich environment in your classroom.	https://highlandliteracy.com/2016/09/13/language-rich-environments/
Zoom Game	Watch John Murray's video to find out about the Zoom Game – a great game to develop fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination.	https://highlandliteracy.com/2016/10/28/infinity-walk/
Infinity Walk	Watch John Murray's videos on the 'Infinity Walk' to support the development of gross motor movements.	https://highlandliteracy.com/2016/10/28/infinity-walk/

Emerging Literacy – Education, Children and Adult Services Committee

Emerging Literacy was one of the items which was presented at the Education, Children and Adult Services Committee on Wednesday 26th October 2016.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the presentation – select 'Item 5 – Emerging Literacy'.

A big thank you to all of the practitioners who have contributed to the development of Emerging Literacy over the last 18 months; the success of Emerging Literacy is the cross-sector collegiality.

If you have any suggestions for activities to support Emerging Literacy, please let us know.

