



## Read Write Count Gifting Training

**Would you like to know more about the resources for the P2 + 3 Read Write Count programme and be inspired by ideas for gifting the bags?**

A free, short online training session is available to inspire gifting ideas, start planning an event and guide you to resources the Scottish Book Trust and partners have developed to support learning professionals through the gifting process.

The session also covers where to find support for parental engagement in their child's learning. If the opportunity to provide support and advice to parents is taken, it increases the chance that the bags will be used effectively at home.

**How the bags are gifted will have an impact on how the bags are used at home.**

Find out more by booking a session during **Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov '18 at 2 – 3pm or 4 – 5pm each day.**

Please book into your preferred session by following the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/read-write-count-bag-gifting-training-tickets-51868510110>

**If you cannot make these dates and times please email me back with an expression of interest and I can organise a session with a member of my team in the next few weeks.**

### **Why find out more?**

The Read Write Count gift bags give you a great opportunity to build relationships with parents and strengthen links between home and school learning.

Read Write Count focuses on the importance of families, parents and carers in children's education and aims to give advice and materials to help adults get involved in their children's learning.

**Family learning is a key quality indicator in HGIOS4.** It emphasises the importance of using creative approaches to engage families – Read Write Count can provide a great hook for the development of these activities.

We will also look at what resources there are for parents and carers to access from home to support long term activity with the gift bag materials. Research tells us that if parents and carers are involved in their child's learning, their child does better in school.

### **Timeline of Read Write Count**

**June 18** – Gift bag contents and teacher learning resources available online

**October/November 2018** - Read, Write, Count bags will come to your school for every Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupil in Scotland. There are parent letter templates provided that the schools can send out explaining about the bags and the contents.

**November 2018** - Get stuck into some fun creative learning with our free, inspiring downloadable [Learning Resources](#) which all relate to the contents of the bags.

**19-25 November 2018** - The bags are often given out during Book Week Scotland, our national celebration of books and reading!  
Schools can invite parents along to a gifting event and ask them to explore the bags with their children.

**If you are already involved in Read Write Count school projects and / or parent engagement events please do share with me your activities.**

I look forward to meeting you next week online or hearing of your good work,

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