

**Read, Write,
Count:
Gifting Case
Study**

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Read Write Count Launch at Bankton Primary School

When we found out about the new Read, Write, Count campaign we knew it was an opportunity to develop family learning at Bankton Primary School that we didn't want to miss. Parental engagement has been a priority for our school and we had already been exploring different ways to increase it; The delivery of the Read, Write, Count bags therefore, couldn't have come at a better time! The bags are such valuable resources for our families and knowing that each child in P2 and P3 has access to the same fantastic materials has meant that we can work closely with children and families to develop home learning opportunities.

In the months running up to the gifting event, we had the pleasure of working with Jen Harwood from Scottish Book Trust to plan out a range of learning experiences that would familiarise our children with the contents of the bags in school and which could be shared with families to use at home. The key thing for us was that we wanted to make sure that the activities were appropriate and accessible for our parents. The teacher resource packs on the Scottish Book Trust website offer a range of suggestions for using the resources in class, as well as home-learning activity sheets and parent cards ready to pick up and go! Throughout this process, the excitement for the children waiting to receive their bags was growing and we were creating a buzz in P2 and P3 about reading, writing and maths.



The Gifting Event



In order to gift the bags to our families and share their contents in a meaningful way, we decided to hold a special gifting event. The event had two main focuses: to provide an opportunity for families to see the Read, Write, Count materials in action and to build confidence by modelling how they could be used further at home.



We decided to hold the event first thing in the morning as that time seems to work best for us in terms of welcoming in families as they drop their children off. On the day we had an excellent turn out of parents who were keen to come and see what all the excitement was about! They first went to visit their children in the classrooms where carousel activities had been set up to share the fantastic work they had been doing in school with the resources. The aim of this was to give families a starting point from which they could replicate activities at home; they really enjoyed this and the children were thrilled to share their work. Following this, families were invited into the hall to receive their child's bag and to listen to a short presentation giving them more information about why Read, Write, Count has been introduced in Scotland, as well as more practical hints and tips for using them at home. This was done to build confidence and allow them to see how much we value their role in their children's learning at home and to see that fun activities have just as much impact as more formal homework.

Keeping up the Momentum

After the gifting event, parents were invited to attend two informal workshops in school; one about reading and writing and one about maths. In doing this we wanted to share ideas to develop children skills in these areas through play and informal activities using everyday items and opportunities. Alongside this, the class teachers in P2-3 continue to send out home learning activities that can be done using the contents of the Read, Write, Count bags. By supporting the families and making the most of the resources in class we want our children and families to value the bags and keep them safe to use to support future learning.

The children in our school have absolutely loved receiving the Read, Write, Count bags and have felt like they have been part of a very special national campaign. They have enjoyed all of the elements of the bags and have been keen to share with others the activities they have been doing.

Looking Further

At Bankton we are already excitedly planning how we will develop our use of next year's Read, Write, Count bags and we are looking forward to learning together!



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