

Read Write Count with the First Minister Making the most of the P2 and P3 bags

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Overview



- Introduction to Read Write Count with the First Minister
- Contents of this year's P2 and P3 bags
- Resources to support you in schools
- Resources to support families at home

About Read Write Count with the First Minister

- Every P2 and P3 child receives a bag of books, educational games and writing materials
- Supports families to read, write, count and learn together at home whilst bonding and having fun
- 94% of parents/carers reported they had read the books together and many said the gifted titles had become favourites

Introducing the P2 bag



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***Barbara Throws a Wobbler* by Nadia Shireen**



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The Ballad of Cactus Joe by Lily Murray and Clive McFarland



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He flexed his muscles,
he raised his spikes.
'Yeah, okay. You can
stay, if you like . . . '

And that night, Cactus Joe
once again sang his lonesome song . . .



I'm Cactus Joe,
I'm lean 'n' mean.
Don't mess with me,
I'm a prickly machine!

I'm rough, I'm tough,
I'm mighty high.

Just Woodie, Owl . . . and Hawk . . . and me
till the day I die.

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P2 deck of cards and binoculars



Resources for your classroom



Read Write Count with the First Minister: P2 teacher pack

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Activity 1: What birds do you see?

Count the number of birds you see in your playground or on your way to school. There's also some space for you to add your own. Top tip: if you're not sure what different birds look like, use the RSPB guide!

Bird type	How many did you see?
Crow	
Pigeon	
Seagull	
Blackbird	
Blue tit	
Starling	



Read Write Count: P2 inclusive activities

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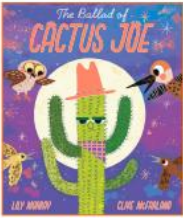
  

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Resources for families



**Read Write Count
with the First Minister**
P2 activity booklet





Read the books in your bag with your family and at school



Talk to your family and friends about the books



Enjoy doing these activities together to get the most out of your Read Write Count bag!

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Read Write Count at home

Language: English
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Topics: Read, Write, Count
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Gifting the bags

- Holding a gifting event has been shown to give greater enjoyment of the books and resources and lead to them being used at home for a longer time
- 85% of parents said that they engaged with school events more after a positive gifting experience

Introducing the P3 bag



Heavy Metal Badger by Duncan Beedie



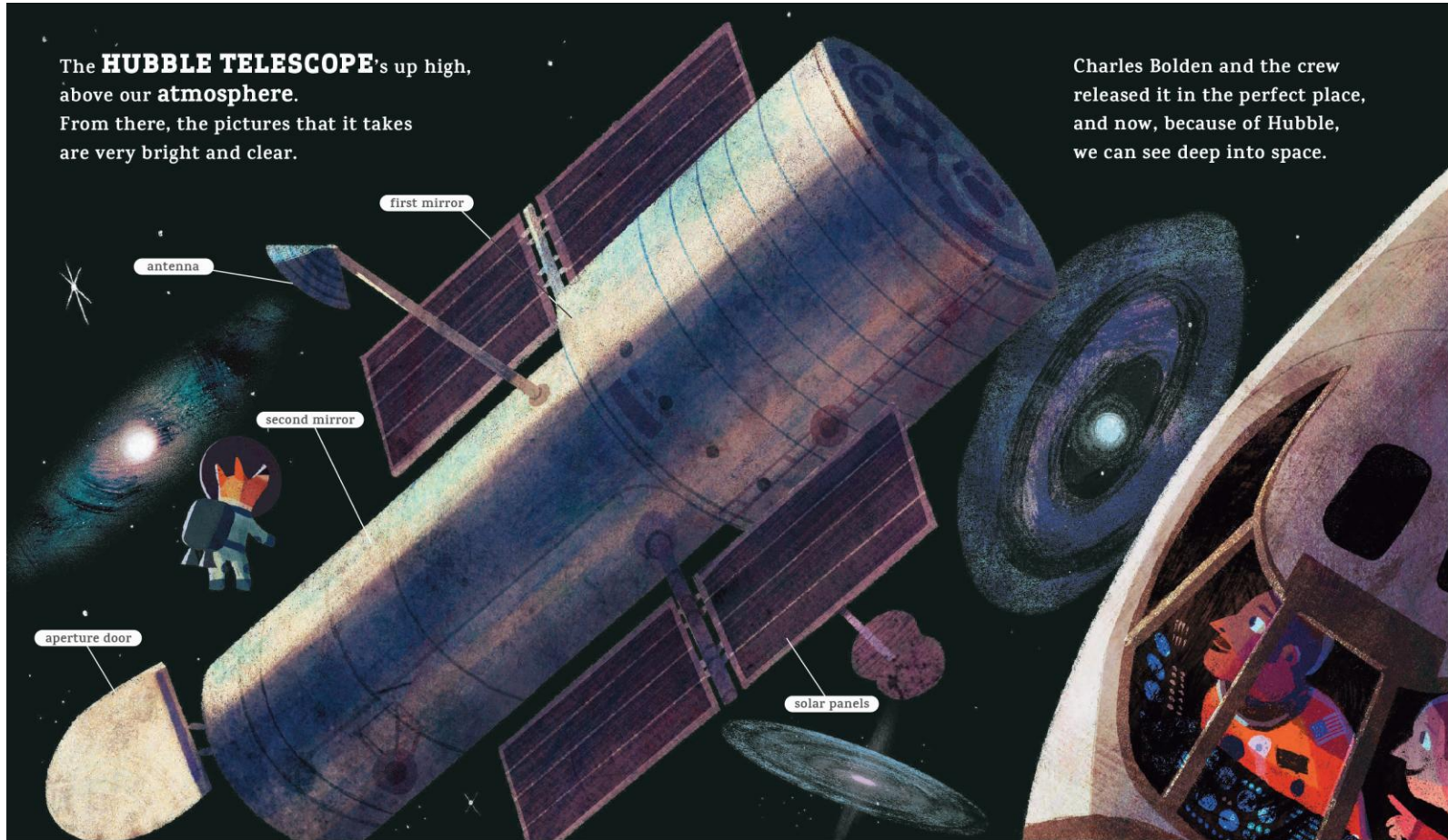
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The Book of Blast Off by Timothy Knapman and Nik Henderson



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Jessica Meir on the **ISS**,
with friend Christina Koch,
had a problem with the power
so they went to take a look.

As they worked, folks down on Earth
shared much excited talk,
welcoming this special first:
an **all-female spacewalk**.



The Book of Blast Off by Timothy Knapman and Nik Henderson

TO OUTER SPACE... AND BEYOND!

Since ancient humans first looked up into the night sky, we've wondered about space and wanted to travel there... But it's only in our relatively recent history that space exploration turned from a dream into a reality.

The very first human-made object was sent into space in 1957, and this marked the beginning of frenzied activity on Earth to travel faster and farther into space, reimagining the limits of what humans could achieve, over and over again.

Here's a little more information about some of these iconic missions.



The Space Race

Date: 1957-1969

The Soviet Union existed from 1922 until 1991 and spanned eastern Europe and northern Asia. Its capital was Moscow, now part of Russia. In the years after World War II, the Soviet Union and the United States were two of the world's most powerful nations, but they disagreed about many things. The tension between the two is often called the Cold War. In 1957, the U.S. was shocked to learn that the Soviet Union had succeeded in launching the first satellite. Soon all eyes turned to the Moon... Who would be the first one there? Would it be a Russian cosmonaut or an American astronaut? The race was on!



Mission: Sputnik 1

Date: 4 October, 1957

When Sputnik 1 was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union, it became the first human-made object in space. Sputnik means 'fellow traveller' in Russian. The satellite was small - the size of a beach ball - and featured several long antennas.

'Expected to run out of battery power in two weeks, Sputnik continued transmitting radio signals for twenty-two days... and its legacy lasted much longer. The age of space exploration had begun!'



Mission: Vostok 1

Date: 12 April, 1961

Crew: Yuri A. Gagarin

Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin launched into history aboard Vostok 1, becoming the first human to orbit Earth. The spacecraft had a round cabin and three small portholes, and Gagarin communicated with ground personnel by radio during the flight. Vostok orbited Earth once and landed an hour and forty-eight minutes after it launched. As planned, Gagarin ejected himself from the craft about four miles above Earth and landed by parachute. He touched down in a field, startling a farmer and her granddaughter.



Mission: Mercury-Atlas 6, Friendship 7

Date: 20 February, 1962

Crew: John H. Glenn Jr.

John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth during the Mercury-Atlas 6 mission. Launched from atop a 287-metre-tall Atlas booster rocket, the spacecraft Friendship 7 circled Earth three times. Glenn observed a dust storm in Africa, the glow of moonlight on the ocean and clouds and four sunsets. When the autopilot function failed, Glenn took over the manual controls and completed the nearly five-hour flight before successfully splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

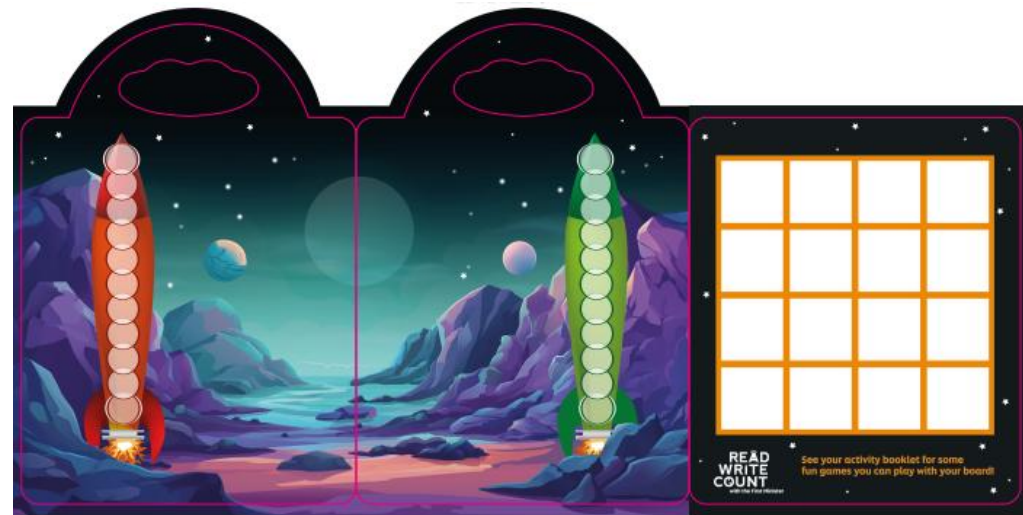


Mission: Mariner 4

Date: 28 November, 1964

Weighing 260 kilograms and powered by four solar panels, Mariner 4 successfully completed the first flyby of Mars. Launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the craft travelled for seven months before reaching its closest approach to Mars on 15 July, 1965. It captured the first photographs of another planet from deep space. The photos dashed any hopes of discovering life on the Red Planet, but the mission deepened our understanding of Mars.

P3 deck of cards and board games



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Activity 1: Design a concert ticket

Imagine you're attending a concert. What band are you seeing? Where are you seeing them? How much did the ticket cost. Once you've included all the information you need, colour in your ticket and cut it out.





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inspiring readers and writers

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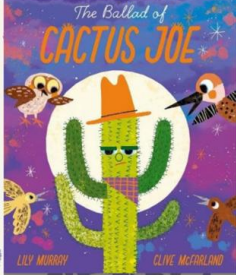
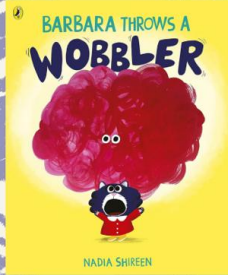


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Resources for use in libraries



Read Write Count library pack: P2 bag
A library session for the Read Write Count P2 bag including songs, crafts, worksheets and printables

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94% of families in our 2021/22 evaluation reported they had **read the books together**, and many said the gifted titles had become **family favourites**.



80% of learning professionals felt the pupils were **more enthusiastic about books and reading** since receiving the bags.

Why hold a gifting event?



Build enthusiasm and excitement around the bags



Build connections between the schools and families



Increase adults' confidence with using the bags at home



Gifting events have been shown to **give greater enjoyment of the books and resources, leading to their being used at home for a longer time.**

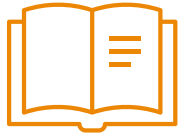


85% of parents said
they **engaged more**
with school events
after a positive gifting
experience.



87% of parents agreed
that the bag made them
**more confident about
engaging with their
child's learning.**

Gifting examples



Stay and read



Celebrations or parties



Partnership with local library

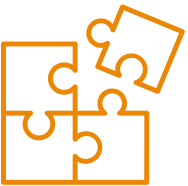
Gifting suggestions



Guest presenters



Family workshops



Games and activities

How to run a gifting session



Bags arrive between **September and October**

We recommend you hold your gifting event during
Book Week Scotland in **November**

Before a gifting session

Count the bags

Use our **online resources**

Decide on a **venue**

Communicate with **families**



After the gifting session

Invite families into your school

Home learning

Reading Schools

- 2.5.1: Raising profile of reading with families
- 2.7.1: Partnerships within the local community

Next steps

Read Write Count celebrates 10 years!

Celebrate 10 years of Read Write Count by [registering for a bag gifting party pack](#) filled with posters, bookmarks, stickers and more.

Next steps

Visit the Read Write Count section of the Scottish Book Trust website:

scottishbooktrust.com/reading-and-stories/read-write-count

- Resources
- Recorded webinars for P2 bag, P3 bag and gifting

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For our upcoming CLPL opportunities, see:

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