



Dear Parents/Carers

Your free Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag

Starting school is an exciting and challenging time for your child and they may be feeling this even more after the changes to their lives from Covid-19. Now more than ever, your support and encouragement at home makes a real difference to their learning. That's why we're letting you know about a free bag of books and activities your child will soon receive from Bookbug, to help support their reading, writing and counting skills.

Your child's P1 Bag will contain:

- **Three picture books shortlisted for The Bookbug Picture Book Prize**
- **An activity book with fun ways to enjoy reading, writing and counting together**
- **A set of coloured pencils**
- **A whiteboard with a pen and magnetic numbers**

Help your child get the most out of their P1 Bag by looking at and talking about the books together, using the whiteboard to play games, filling in the activity book and voting for your child's favourite book.

On our website you can find films of the books being read, more recommended books for P1s and enter your child's vote in The Bookbug Picture Book Prize.

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Resources to support pupils with additional support needs are also available. Please ask your school or visit **scottishbooktrust.com/bpbp** if your child would benefit from these.

The P1 Bag is produced by Scottish Book Trust in conjunction with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government as part of **Read, Write, Count**. You'll find more ideas for fun activities and games that you can slip into your daily routine at **parentclub.scot**. The parentclub website also has information about benefits and grants available for parents. The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is £250 to help eligible families with the costs of starting school. If your child was born between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017, please apply before 28 February 2022. Call **0800 182 2222** or visit **mygov.scot/beststart**.

Look out for your Bookbug P1 Bag and have fun with your child!