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About Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books that takes place across the country. Book Week Scotland 2022 will take place 14–20 November, and is supported by Creative Scotland and SLIC.

This year's themes are:

- Tales to treasure
- Making it home
- Finding my place
- Origin stories
- Community legends

To find out more, visit [the Book Week Scotland section of the Scottish Book Trust website](#).

Activities for all schools

- Vote for your favourite animal in [our online vote](#)
- Add your school to our [Book Week Scotland map](#). **Please note: the Book Week Scotland map may not be live on our website until Book Week Scotland (14–20 November).**
- Let us know how you're celebrating by tweeting to [@scottishbktrust](#) on Twitter and Instagram or [@BookWeekScot](#) on Twitter!

Primary school activities

Gifting the Read, Write, Count Bags

If your class is in P2 or P3, Book Week Scotland is the perfect time to gift their Read, Write, Count P2 or P3 Bag. These bags contain books and resources that are theirs to take home. We recommend holding a gifting event or party where families can come and learn about the bags and their contents and gain confidence in using them at home.

Our website contains learning resources to explore all of the books and resources in the bags, as well as videos of the books being read aloud. You can find those, and more about how to gift the bags, on [the Read, Write, Count section of our website](#).

If you work with children or families who have visual impairment you can also visit [the Read, Write, Count for visual impairment webpage](#) on our website to find out how to order books in braille or custom large print. There are also sensory and inclusive activities on the [P2 bag webpage](#) and [P3 bag webpage](#).

Activity 1: Write your own quest

LIT 1-10a, LIT 1-20a, LIT 2-20a

Use our toolkit to write your own quest, including creating your own character and deciding where your adventure will take them. All you need to do to play is to download our [Write Your Own Quest toolkit](#), print the character sheet, and have some paper, pens and a six-sided dice (or a [dice rolling app](#)) handy.

You can use this toolkit on your own, with a group, or to prompt a lesson on creative writing.

Activity 2: Legends on film

LIT 1-11a, TCH 2-11a, EXA 3-03a

Whether it's Greek myth, an urban legend or a story from Scottish folklore – use [our](#)

[film-making resource](#) to plan, storyboard and re-tell your favourite! You could recreate it using [stop-motion animation](#) or characters and costumes.

Share your film with us by tweeting [@scottishbktrust](#) on Twitter and Instagram or [@BookWeekScot](#) on Twitter!

Activity 3: Hold your own community campfire

LIT 1-11a, EXA 1-01a, EXA 2-02a

During Book Week Scotland, Scottish Book Trust are celebrating [our Community Campfires project](#). To run your own community campfire, invite families or parents to your school or library to share stories. You can try live storytelling by using [our storytelling activities resource created by storyteller Mara Menzies](#).

Or, create boxes of books you can bring outside, by putting books of a similar theme into crates or transportable boxes. You could explore the themes of Book Week Scotland by creating boxes with themes like:

- Origin stories: heroes and villains, or graphic novels and comics
- Community legends: myths, legends or folklore
- Tales to treasure: fantasy or magic
- Making it home: comedies, or books about families and friends
- Finding my place: non-fictional books about inspirational people

You don't need to have an actual fire to have a campfire event – you can explore creating your own together using paper and collage to create a 3D sculpture. If you do have a fire pit, you can also roast marshmallows or serve hot chocolate.

Activity 4: Authors Live

LIT 2-01a, LIT 1-04a

Ask your class to put together a schedule of [Authors Live On Demand](#) they can watch together. You can also tie these into this year's themes:

- Origin stories: [Julia Donaldson](#)
- Community legends: [Eoin Colfer](#)
- Tales to treasure: [Cressida Cowell](#) or [Ross MacKenzie](#)
- Making it home: [Fiona Lumbers](#)
- Finding my place: [Catherine Johnson](#) or [Phil Earle](#)

Activity 5: Animals abound!

LIT 2-04a, SCN 2-01a, SOC 1-17a

[Watch our digital story of the tale of Hercules the bear](#), created by Paul Bristow and the pupils of Sgoil Uibhùt A Tuath, and read the comics adaptation of the story illustrated by Norrie Miller. Explore the story together as a class – you could use drama to recreate the story or draw your own ideal animal companion. Think about what skills or traits you'd want them to have and research some different animals, their habitats and different needs. **Please note: the digital story of the tale of Hercules the bear may not be live on our website until Book Week Scotland (14–20 November).**

Vote for your favourite animal from fiction [in our online vote](#)! You could explore some of the books on the shortlist together and make your own fact files based on the animals. To explore voting together, you could create a voting box and cast ballots. You could extend this by learning about [Article 3 and our human right to vote](#).

You can also explore our Authors Live On Demand catalogue for [authors and illustrators who write about animals](#).

Secondary school activities

Activity 1: Write your own quest

LIT 3-09a, LIT 4-09a

Use our toolkit to write your own quest, including creating your own character and deciding where your adventure will take them. All you need to do to play is to download our [Write Your Own Quest toolkit](#), print the character sheet, and have