

Write a Book Project 2020 Guidelines



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Clare Education Centre is pleased to announce details of this year's literacy project, **Write A Book 2020**.

Write a Book is a non-competitive project, encouraging children and teachers to develop the process writing approach in their classes. It also involves taking a critical look at books, and the imaginative use of art. It is age-appropriate for pupils from Junior Infants to 6th Class, accounting for all ability levels. Pupils plan, draft, edit, write and illustrate a book on a topic of choice.

- Each child will receive a certificate acknowledging his/her achievement in producing a book.
- In Infant classes, children may work on a short picture book with less text, focusing on topics familiar to them.
- The teacher undertaking Write a Book with his/her class will work on the project as part of the class' English and Art programmes during this period. Work previously covered in class may be incorporated into the story, for example, a previously written story may be further developed, edited and written and illustrated as a new book. Fiction and non-fiction books are equally viable as original works in this project, as are texts completely **as gaeilge**.
- The teacher will certify that each child's work is his/her own.

We propose to continue with the Book Swap arrangement, which was introduced last year and at the end of the project, each participating teacher is invited to accept one batch of books from another school. After reading the books, the teacher will award **one merit award per class**.

Timeframe

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| 6th December 2019 | Register intent to participate in the project before 5pm. |
| 19th March 2020 | Book Swap at Clare Education Centre for Junior, Senior, First and Second Classes. Each participating teacher will take a bundle of books to correct. |
| 20th March 2020 | Book Swap Day at Clare Education Centre for Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes. Each participating teacher will take a bundle of books to correct. |
| 3rd April 2020 | All books to be returned to Clare Education Centre by 5pm. |
| 5th May 2020 | Presentation Evening at Auburn Lodge Hotel |

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Guidelines

1. **Online Registration** declaring the intention of your school to take part must be made by Friday 6th December 2019 by [clicking here](#).
2. As part of the Write a Book project classes will be invited to write 'en bloc' in either Irish or English. **NO MIXED BUNDLES, PLEASE.**
3. All books must use **official** labels with **all** relevant information. The label should be securely affixed to the **outside** back cover of each book.
4. **Two class lists are needed** (one for the office and one with the bundle of books). A class list must accompany each set of books with the total number of books enclosed printed clearly on top. Check your class list and be sure that an absent book is not listed as ***it can cause major administrative problems***.
5. Books must not be commercially bound. Teachers who consider that special attention should be given to a particular book should indicate this on the class list form.
6. **Every child** participating will receive a **Write a Book Certificate**.
7. **Electronic Books** – Electronic Books in any format will be welcome and will form a separate section. **Examples** of appropriate media include - PowerPoint, Photostory, Animoto, Photopeach, Storybird, Flipsnack, MovieMaker, Picassa, ComicLife, ToonTastic, BookCreator etc.
8. Books should be entirely the children's own work. Neat handwriting and artistic illustrations are encouraged. If technology is used, the class teacher must assure that this is the child's own work.
9. Register intent to participate in the project **no later than 5pm on Friday, 6th December 2019.**

The “Write a Book Project” forms part of the

Clare Education Centre

*response to the **National Literacy Strategy**.*

To register for 'Write a Book' fill out this form by [clicking here](#).