# What is Book Week Scotland?

During Book Week, people of all ages and walks of life will come together in libraries, schools, community venues and workplaces to share and enjoy books and reading. They will be joined in this celebration by Scotland's authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers and illustrators to bring a packed programme of events and projects to life.

## Book Week Scotland

Monday 27 November – Sunday 3 December 2017





### Events in your area

There are hundreds of events for all ages happening across the country during Book Week Scotland. Find one near you!

## Benefits of Reading

## 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading in no different.

#### 2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

#### 3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

## 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

## 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

#### 6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

## What will we be doing at Colquhoun Park Primary?

## What can you do at home?