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Write-a-Book

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"The child should write for a growing range of audiences and in a variety of genres and have consistent experience of the process of drafting, editing and rewriting."

(Curriculum Statement, p. 5)

What is Write-a-Book?

- Write-a-Book is a worthwhile and pleasant partnership venture between the Education Centre, Schools and Children.
- It gives children the opportunity to explore their creativity by writing in a variety of genres including stories, plays, poems.
- This project facilitates teachers in incorporating the requirements of the 1999 Irish Primary School Curriculum into lesson plans by covering topics such as story writing.

What can we do?

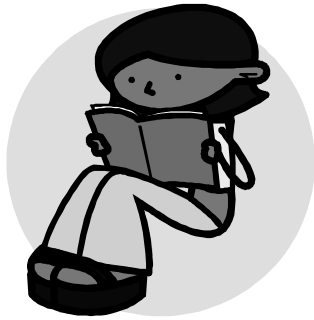


- Stories
- Poems
- Puzzle Books
- Books about yourself
- Letters
- Fact files
- Descriptions
- Plays

Emphasis should be placed on....

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Spelling
- Originality of text
- The sequential development of the plot
- Characterisation
- Creativity of ideas
- Adequate research in the case of a non-fiction book

Enjoy the whole process of writing



Drafting

- ✓ Brainstorm
- ✓ Write down all your ideas
- ✓ Try writing a first draft



Redrafting

- ✓ Decide on one idea
- ✓ Develop the story
- ✓ Make changes
- ✓ Make it more interesting



Editing

- ✓ Check the spelling
- ✓ Correct grammar
- ✓ Improve punctuation



Presentation

- ✓ Show everyone your great work
- ✓ Speak about your ideas
- ✓ Discuss the process of writing





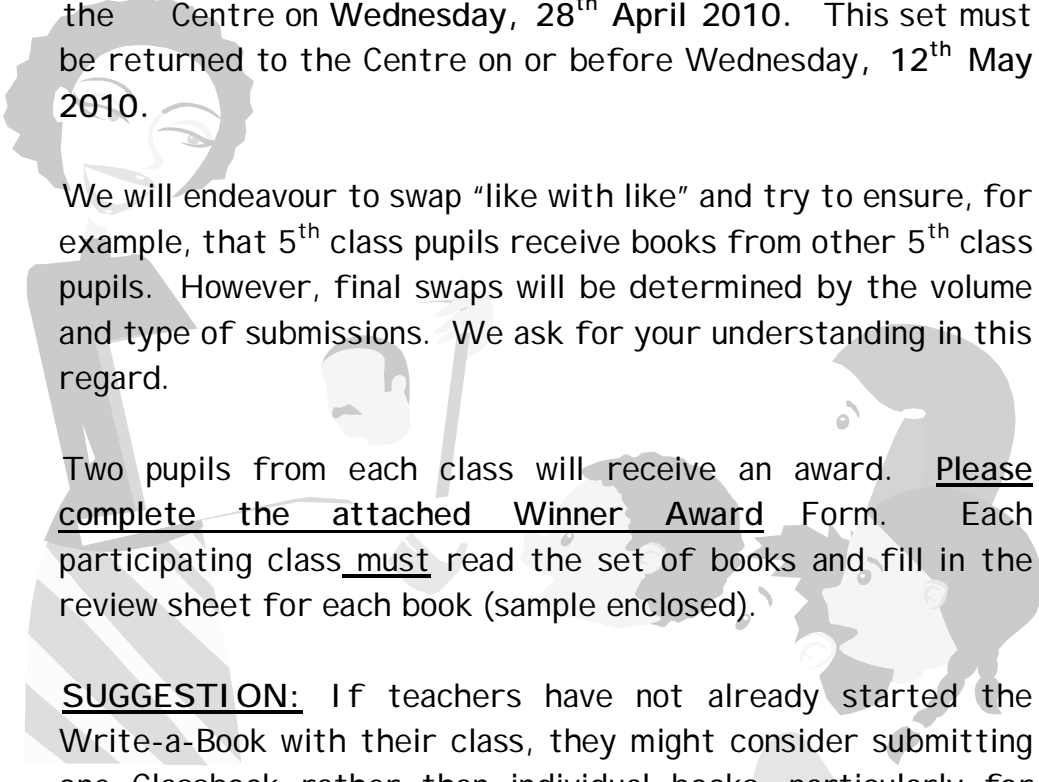
How does Write-a-Book work?

- Follow the Teacher Guidelines below and bring your set of completed books into the Centre on the appointed day.
- Once all the books are in they will be swapped with another group of books from another school.
- The swapped books will be available for collection in the Centre on an appointed day.
- Each participating class must read and judge the set of books and fill in the comment sheet for each book (sample enclosed). Tell us what you liked about EACH book. Please ensure that all comments are POSITIVE, i.e. neat handwriting, nice pictures, lovely story etc. Also, please take care of the books...a lot of work went into them, so please return them in the condition you received them and in their original envelopes/boxes.
- Two pupils from each class will receive an award. The class and teacher will nominate ONE winner and then the class teacher should nominate ONE winner from the "*" Special Merit section. If a class has no "*" Special Merit books, then TWO books should be nominated for awards by the teacher and pupils.
- Teachers, please feel free to write a letter to the other class and let them know what you thought of the books as a class effort.

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General Teacher Guidelines

1. The latest submission date for entries to Dublin West Education Centre is 5pm on Wednesday, 24th March 2010.
2. Please ensure that all books submitted have a completed label (please find enclosed) affixed on the back cover of the book. The presence of the official label will be regarded as the teacher's certification that the book is the pupil's own work.
3. Two copies of the enclosed class submission form must accompany each set of books.
4. One of these copies must be attached to each set of books. Each set of books should be kept in a separate bag or box.
5. Books written by children with learning difficulties are actively encouraged. Please mark such books with an "*" both on the official label and on the class submission form.
6. To cover costs (Certificate awards) a fee of €15 per class -up to a maximum of €75 per school is paid when the books are submitted on Wednesday, 24th March 2010.
7. Books must not be commercially bound. We would also appreciate if excessive amounts of glitter were not used to decorate the books.
8. Beidh fáilte roimh leabhair Ghaeilge. Má tá suim ag aon pháiste, páisti no rang iomlán leabhair as Ghaeilge a scriobh, beimid lán sásta iad a fháil.

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9. A requirement of participation in Write-a-Book is that each teacher and his/her class be asked to read and judge one set of books.
 10. The set of swapped books will be available for collection from the Centre on Wednesday, 28th April 2010. This set must be returned to the Centre on or before Wednesday, 12th May 2010.
 11. We will endeavour to swap "like with like" and try to ensure, for example, that 5th class pupils receive books from other 5th class pupils. However, final swaps will be determined by the volume and type of submissions. We ask for your understanding in this regard.
 12. Two pupils from each class will receive an award. Please complete the attached Winner Award Form. Each participating class must read the set of books and fill in the review sheet for each book (sample enclosed).
 13. SUGGESTION: If teachers have not already started the Write-a-Book with their class, they might consider submitting one Classbook rather than individual books, particularly for Junior and Senior Infants classes. If you are submitting a classbook please remember to list all the students' names on the submission form.
 14. Please check your class submission form and make sure an absent book is not listed. This can cause major administrative difficulties.
 15. In order to participate in the Write-a-Book Project, schools must register with Dublin West Education Centre no later than Friday 29th January 2010.



Write-a-Book

Teacher: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Class: _____

School: _____



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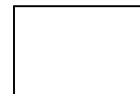
Teacher: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Class: _____

School: _____



Class Submission Form

School: _____

Class: _____

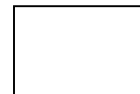
Teacher: _____

Teacher Contact (Mobile) _____

No. of Books Submitted: _____

No. of "*" Books Submitted: _____

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Winner Award Form

Name of Judging School

Name of Judging Teacher & Class

We received books from...

School

Teacher

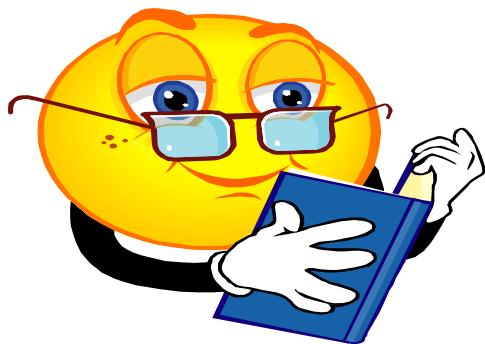
Class

Winner (Title & Author)

Special Merit (Title & Author)

If a class has no "*"Special Merit books, then TWO books should be nominated for awards by the teacher and pupils.





BOOK REVIEW

I liked your book because

My favourite part of your book was

More comments

• **Name of Author** _____

• **Name of Book:** _____

• **Here is one word
I would use to
describe
your book**

