

## FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Family learning programme aims to support parents and guardians to develop in their children a love and appreciation of reading through arts, crafts and books. The programme, which can be delivered in partnership with schools, community groups and other agencies, will enable parents/guardians and children to identify opportunities to improve the literacy, language and numeracy skills of parents/guardians. It aims to improve parents' ability to help their child to learn. The programme is usually delivered in two hour sessions over seven weeks, and can include a tour of the library on the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the programme.

The Programme offers three options:

### Storybags

Storybags is an arts and crafts based approach, using a story book (fictional) and a fact based book to generate materials to assist in the learning to read process. It is about making books fun and bringing stories to life. The storybags can be used both at school and in the home. A Storybag is a cloth bag full of wonderful resources to encourage children and adults to enjoy reading together.

### What's the Story

This family learning course aims to provide support to parents/guardians of children in Early Start, Junior Infants and Senior Infants. It is focused on book selection and reading techniques and highlights the parents'/guardians role in developing in their children a love and appreciation of reading. It also aims to promote lifelong learning and break the cycle of intergenerational disadvantage.

### Adults Count Too

This programme aims to support parents/guardians of children in primary school from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class to improve their own maths skills to enable them to help children with their maths homework. The course level and topics can be adapted depending on the skills levels of the parent group and the needs of the children.