

STORY CREATING WORKSHOP

Falconwood Community Centre

Falconwood Parade DA16 2PG

Friday February 16th, Friday June 1st, August 10th 2018

9.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Cost - £107.00

Story Modelling / Plans / Writing introductions / Structure / Sharing ideas / Vocabulary extension / Character descriptions / Interesting endings / Use of punctuation / Speech. Enjoy brainstorming sessions. Explore story writing through drama, games and discussion. Experience interesting group writing and independent writing activities.

This is open to all year 4, 5 and 6 children. It is an important course where the children are taught in very small groups. We would like all of our students to participate at least once. Being able to structure and plan any writing is extremely important in order to be successful in many areas of the secondary school curriculum. This course has been devised to teach structure and planning through story writing but these skills will transfer to all writing activities. The emphasis is on learning in a fun nurturing environment and we make all of the experiences as enjoyable as possible. The results have been amazing with many of our participants having been recognised as gifted and talented in this area following the course.

Two of our past students were chosen from thousands of entrants while in year 7 of Bexley Grammar to go to a summer course at Warwick University. This was an amazing achievement for them but also for us as this course gave them the framework to be so successful. Please do carefully consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. With all the drama and games involved your child will have a good time and learn so much.

Booking Form for 2018

I would like to book a place for my child to attend a Story Creating Course on Friday

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I enclose a deposit of £35.00 to secure a place (non refundable). I agree to pay the final balance of £72.00 (one month prior to the beginning of the course.)

Signed:	Date:
Parent's Name:	Child's Name:
Address:	
Postcode:	Email:
Telephone:	Mobile:

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This is an invitation to sign up for our story writing course. It is an important course for all children who have entered either year 4, 5 or 6 in September. I wrote this course with the aim of extending writing skills in a fun way. Story writing can be a difficult process for many children and I wanted to try to change this. Before training as a teacher, I studied drama and theatre studies and then went to work in this field for over ten years. During my time as an actress, I worked on devising plays with children and ran workshops with them. I am aware of how dramatic techniques can break down barriers and can help children to let their wonderful imaginations play. When they

invent in this safe framework the worry about what to write disappears because they have already dealt with that concern during the inventing stage. While writing this course I have tapped into many of my own experiences to find ways of bringing story to life in an exciting way. On the course we use drama, games and activities to explore story-writing skills.



The children learn to write a timed story with lots of support.

Our course puts the child in control of their writing and opens opportunities for their writing to develop extensively. The skills they learn on the course should stay with them for the rest of their lives and help them to structure their writing well in the future. The children are taught in small groups of four with a story guide (qualified teacher) to direct and support them throughout the course. The cost of the course includes the cost of 6 hours tuition, a full written report, their story scrolled as a beautiful memory and photographs of their day. They also keep their Story Creating Pack, which is full of information and ideas so students can continue to develop their story writing skills further.



Students, who have taken this course, in past years, have made incredible progress in this area of literacy. We have had many students recognised by their own schools as gifted and talented. Please do carefully consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. With all the activities involved, your child should have a good time and learn so much.



Aims

To prepare the ground, for each child to write a story about a chosen character.

To demonstrate the story model using the invented character while placing him or her into a setting. Developing a problem situation with solution followed by the invention of a powerful ending. The children are encouraged to share their ideas with their story leader and other members of the group.

To organise the choice of decisions, ideas, sentences and descriptive language in order to create a story that is satisfying to the writer and reader alike.

For each child to produce a completed story using the story model.

For each child to become familiar with a story writing model. This is a model and framework that will allow them to continue to extend their skills whenever a story writing opportunity presents itself.

Objectives

For all of the children to get involved with developing and sharing information about their character.

For the children to explore their character ideas and to have the opportunity of working in character in different situations. They should be able to explore the emotions and think about what their character might say and how they might react in various problem situations.

For each child to invent and write an interesting setting and character description that reflects the mood, personality and emotions of their own character.

For each child to write a descriptive problem incorporating speech and good use of punctuation skills.

For each child to write a solution incorporating a movement of time into the beginning of this section.

To look at how an ending can be made more powerful by leaving the reader empathising with the character, questioning, wondering, feeling satisfied or even shocked.

To write a powerful ending to their story.