



## YEARS 1 & 2 WORKSHOPS OUTLINE

### *Storytelling Adventures*

*Storytelling Adventures* is an interactive workshop which gets your students up and moving and telling stories both collaboratively and independently. We will explore a range of storytelling modalities including:

We explore:

- A tell and draw story.
- A story using a prop/puppet.
- Role play and performance.
- A simple string story.

Storytelling provides a natural bridge between oral language, reading and writing. The use of practical props and resources make it even easier for students to retell (and relive) stories after the workshop is over.

During the workshop we create:

- a class story.
- innovate on a fairy tale and each create an original character.
- a simple storyboard (illustrated plan).
- retell and recreate a simple string story.

If you're looking for ways to inspire your young writers, this is a great place to start. The stories we share together showcase a range of storytelling techniques and provide both the structure and scaffolding your students need to get started with narrative writing.

## Pleased to Meet You

The main character is the life force and the pulse of any story. In this workshop, we learn how to use a range of creative techniques to develop three interesting and original characters. But it's not enough to just create a character, we'll learn techniques which allow us to develop our character's appearance, their personality and their backstory. If you know how to ask characters the right questions, original plots and storylines evolve naturally. This workshop teaches the basics of plot development: we'll explore how the character's goal sets the direction for a story and how we can use this to develop suspense and action. We will also explore the skill of show, don't tell, in regard to developing interesting three-dimensional characters.

**Please Note:** Through the choice of activities, this workshop can be modified for younger students all the way through to Year 6.

## The Ideas Factory

Our imaginations are all important when it comes to creating stories. Our workshop activities combine drawing and writing to kickstart your students' creativity and help generate visual imagery and original story ideas. In this workshop, we're travelling to the creative centre of the brain, better known as 'The Ideas Factory,' where all original ideas begin. We'll use sketching, writing and story mapping to create settings, characters and complications for two original stories.

In our first story, we'll go treasure hunting for characters and settings and then ask an all important storytelling starter - *What could happen to this character in this place?* We'll develop a range of plot possibilities and ideas to assist story development.

In our second story, we'll each develop an original character and explore how a character's goal moves a story forward. *What goals do characters have? Will your character achieve their goal?*

**Please Note:** it's possible to modify this workshop to cater for students from Years 1 through to Year 4.

If you would like to explore booking this workshop,  
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