



AUTHOR VISITS WITH Kate Thompson



As a passionate advocate for the importance of reading and writing for pleasure, I love working with children and families, and am available for school visits to Early Years and Key Stage 1 Primary School Year Groups, toddler groups, Guide and Scout groups, bookshops and libraries. I hold a current basic DBS Certificate.

My visits are full of energy and interaction, and can be tailored to fit with ongoing topics and adjusted to meet the particular needs of the children in question.

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A brilliantly interactive session where pupils shared their superhero ideas superhero artwork... it was a wonderful day.”

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[B]oth groups really enjoyed the session - you can always tell by how well they listen... And they were really inspired to create their own Superheroes - we had some amazing results... It was hard to tear them away from their designs.

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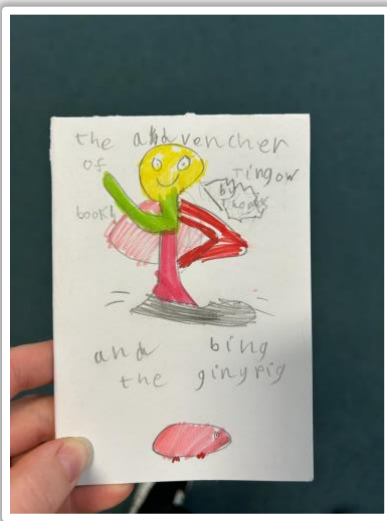


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It was a pleasure to welcome Kate to Oatlands, she was very accommodating and flexible with our timetable and engaged really well with the children. The assembly was pitched well for our children and interactive - the children really enjoyed joining in with the stories and song. Our Year 2 classes loved their book making workshop and didn't want to stop! Kate gave quality time to support them all and they were so proud of what they produced. We would really recommend a visit from Kate for an infant school.

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We had an awesome time with you in our school. The children... were fully engaged with you, and enjoyed sharing the times they have been brave... We'd love to have you visit again in future.

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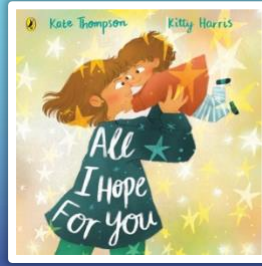
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KS1 and Reception children loved their visit from the author Kate Thompson. Her books are great fun but also have a strong message about the need to be kind. Her presentation enthused and engaged the children and the workshop, designing our own superheroes, was great fun and the children enjoyed sharing and drawing their own ideas.

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All I Hope For You

Illustrated by Kitty Harris - EYFS, KS1

A beautifully-illustrated lyrical rhyming letter of love and hope from a grown-up to their child as they take their first steps into the big, wide world.

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A reading of the book (with star projector if desired);
- A short affirmation song (requires the ability to play the affirmation video with audio);
- An LED tealight holder craft;
- A light-catcher paper craft;
- A book signing/meet the author.

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 15- 20 mins)

A short introduction to life as a children's author. A reading of the book. A short inspirational affirmation song. Optional Q&A.

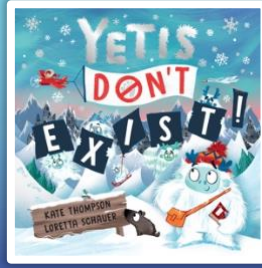
What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. A table.

Workshops (Time: 15- 20 mins)

In workshops children can create their own tissue-paper decorated tealight holders or light-catchers to symbolise the unique light that they bring to the world.

What I need: The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for crafts to take place on.

What I provide: All crafting materials.



Yetis Don't Exist

Illustrated by Loretta Schauer - EYFS, KS1

What would YOU do if the world suddenly announced that yetis don't exist... and you just so happen to BE a yeti?! Join Iggy and his yeti friends as they set off on a human search to prove to the humans that yetis really DO exist. A wonderful, wintry rhyming story with a HUGE twist and a brilliantly clever visual narrative that will have all readers laughing out loud!

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A short introduction to me;
- A reading of the book;
- A yeti action song (I can bring my own audio);
- Colouring sheets
- A yeti mask-making craft.
- Book signing/meet the author.

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 25 - 30 mins or 45 minutes with the optional yeti draw along)

A short introduction to my journey to becoming a children's author, including interactive 'yeti spotting'. A reading of the book with extra sound effects on the slides. A 'Do I Exist' quiz and 'Fangs, Claws and Fluffy Feet' activity song, Q&A. Optional yeti draw along activity (*Brings duration to 45 mins*)

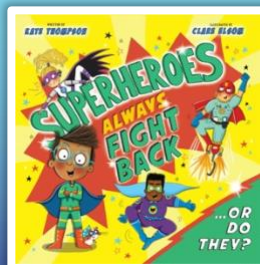
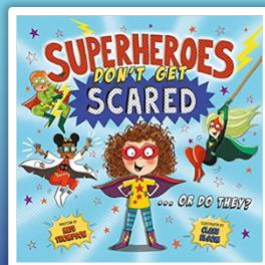
What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. A table. For the optional yeti draw along I'll need a large whiteboard/flipchart and the children will need to be provided with paper and pencils.

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

Let's Design a Creature! - Using dressing up props, we work together to create a class creature. The children then break away to create their own designs. For older KS1 children this can be extended to form the book cover of their very own mythical creature finger puppet storybook.

What I need: A flipchart or whiteboard. The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for drawing on.

What I provide: Dressing up props, whiteboard markers, pens and pencils, paper or blank finger puppet books (as required).



Superheroes Don't Get Scared/Superheroes Always Fight Back

Illustrated by Clare Elsom - EYFS, KS1

These superhero-themed picture books explore the concepts of bravery/fear and kindness with a cast of unique and dynamic characters. Perfect for superhero and PSHE topics.

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A short introduction to me and my books and the superpower that is storytelling;
- A reading of one or both of my books;
- A superhero-themed activity song (requires the ability to play the backing track (and video if possible));
- Colouring/superhero-themed word searches;
- A superhero mask-making craft;
- A teddy superhero cape making craft;
- A super guinea pig draw-along activity.

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 25 - 30 mins)

A short introduction to life as a children's author, including interactive 'baddie spotting' and lots of encouragement for children to use their 'author superpower'. A reading of one of the superhero picture books. A superhero-themed activity song followed by a 'superhero pow'. Optional Q & A session.

What I need: A projector/interactive white board with sound, connected to a computer with two available USB ports. A table.

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

Let's Design a Superhero Book! - Using superhero props and accessories, we work together to create a class superhero. The children then break away to create their own designs. For older KS1 children this can be extended to form the book cover of their very own superhero finger puppet storybook.

What I need: A flipchart or whiteboard and a willing adult volunteer to get dressed-up! The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for drawing on.

What I provide: Props, whiteboard markers, pens and pencils, superhero-themed worksheets or blank finger puppet books (as required).

Price Guide

Basic prices for in-person school events are as follows:

Full Day: Workshops (up to 4 x 45-minute sessions), assembly and book signing - £300 plus travel expenses (via public transport).

Half Day: Workshops (up to 2 x 45-minute sessions), assembly and book signing - £200 plus travel expenses (via public transport).

Single 30-minute assembly to KS1 (plus EYFS if desired) (no workshops) and book signing - £100 plus travel expenses (via public transport)

For other events, please contact Kate on katethompsonwrites@gmail.com to discuss requirements.

Kate has public liability insurance and a basic DBS certificate, but at least one member of staff must always be present.