

Author visits

with Kathy Tallentire

Benefits

- Enjoyable and inspiring for confident and reluctant readers.
- Opportunity for children to ask questions and engage with a local author. Helping them to understand that authors are normal people, just like them.
- Emphasis on the whole process of publishing books (including working with others, the re-writes, the mistakes and how you learn from them).
- Improving writing confidence as children see that authors can struggle with writing too, and that everyone has a different writing journey.

About Kathy

Kathy is Mum to a 5-year-old and a governor at a local primary school. She has spent time as a volunteer reader and enjoys sharing her love of books as she encourages the next generation of readers and writers.

She self-published her first book, Nana Duck, in 2017. Rescue Me followed in 2020 and her next two books are due to be published in 2021.

The Books

Nana Duck: A local tale including everyday experiences - a trip to the shops, fun in the park, walking along the canal and eating oatcakes - and a cute twist at the end.

Rescue Me: An emotional story that encourages empathy with an abandoned puppy and shows the positive effects of kindness and friendship.

Felipe's Choice: Making decisions is hard! Should flamboyant Felipe stay where he is comfortable or leave to find adventure?

The Whisker Twitchers: A gentle introduction to overcoming fear of the unknown through courage and determination.



"Thank you so much for today - **wow!** The children got so much from this and thoroughly enjoyed it! I did too! Thanks again for your time and everything you shared with the children today."

Claire Annese, Year 1 teacher,
Gladstone Primary Academy

Case study: a visit for Years 1 - 3

All years

- Live reading of the story.
- Age-appropriate discussion about authors, illustrators & self-publishing.
- Error spotting & the importance of an eye for detail.
- Question & answer session - writing tips, about the author, anything the children want to ask (within reason!)

Year 1 - Nana Duck

- Discussion about what it means to be local.
- Timelapse video of illustrator taking work from sketch to painted illustration.
- Colouring sheets.

Year 2 - Rescue Me

- Discussion about kindness and the impact it can have.
- School worksheet pack including word searches, vocab, adjectives and more!

Year 3 - Work in Progress

- Sharing a brand new story where the children can affect the final book by sharing their ideas.
- Interactive session with the opportunity to be creative. Examples include designing a front cover, writing the blurb and coming up with a title.

Kathy loves visiting schools and can also provide online visits using Microsoft Teams or Zoom.



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