



Storytelling in Schools

Why have storytelling in schools?

Storytelling works on so many levels to support children's learning including:

- demonstrates and develops oracy skills.
- builds children's confidence.
- develops other key communication skills including listening and turn taking.
- models key language (grammatical) structures.
- enables children to explore narratives, including new concepts and vocabulary without the pressure to read and write.
- children explore their own ideas and learn to accept other's ideas.
- the physicality of storytelling enables children to explore ideas differently to reading or writing.
- supports children with EAL.

These key skills then carryover into reading and writing and also day to day communication within and beyond the classroom.

What I can offer:

My professional background in Speech and Language Therapy, my expertise in storytelling and my passion for storytelling all come together in my storytelling. The stories I tell are tailor made for each group, class or school ensuring the stories demonstrate and model key language structures and therefore meet the children's needs, support the curriculum and enable the children to explore and develop key communication skills including oracy and narrative skills. The stories told are also discussed so the children share their views and explore other's ideas alongside retelling the story.

I enjoy working closely with teaching staff as we bring different knowledge and experience to working together. The combination of the teacher's expertise in teaching and knowledge of their class and my expertise in storytelling ensure storytelling is pertinent, relevant and very successful in supporting the children's learning.

I offer storytelling with any size of group from a group of 4-5 children, whole classes to working across whole schools including running storytelling events for the whole school. I also offer staff training in storytelling to support storytelling in schools.

If school visits aren't possible I can offer storytelling via virtual platforms.

What people say

'Storytelling will continue to be an important part of our school curriculum and we would like to thank Hannah for inspiring us and working alongside us.'

The Storyteller of Southfields

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Head teacher Merton Abbey Primary School

'I am consistently impressed with Hannah's assessment of the children and her detailed evaluation of the sessions' Primary School Teacher Year 5

'Writing and reading standards have been very high this year and I believe the weekly intervention of Hannah's storytelling sessions has contributed to the standard of work produced by the pupils attending her sessions' Primary School Teacher Year 1

'Small story-telling groups provide valuable opportunities for disadvantaged pupils to practise talking about and sharing their ideas before writing them down. As a result, disadvantaged pupils make rapid gains.' Wimbledon Park Primary School Ofsted Report

'When I didn't go to storytelling my writing and my stories weren't that good. Now when I go to storytelling, I can actually do it.' Child Year 4

'I love storytelling with Hannah, we make up brilliant stories.' Child Year 2

Fees:

- Half day: £180
- Whole day: £320

About me: Storytelling for Schools has grown from my love of stories, words and communication and the delight storytelling brings to people of all ages. I have completed courses in Narrative Therapy, Lis n'Tel (Live and Inclusive Storytelling) within Speech and Language Therapy and I continue to attend Storytelling courses, study days, workshops and conferences.

I have current DBS and Public Liability Insurance

I'd love to have a chat about your storytelling needs so please do get in touch.

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