

Learning Newsletter

News, events, services and resources helping you to bring books to life.

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Welcome...

We are delighted to announce our new exhibition with Julia Donaldson, current Children's Laureate.

Opening on Saturday 17 March 2012, our fantastic new exhibition, *A Squash and a Squeeze; Sharing Stories with Julia Donaldson*, will inspire young visitors with story, rhyme and rhythm. The exhibition follows Julia's journey from song writer for CBBC to author of *The Gruffalo* and her many other picture books. We will also be welcoming Julia for a very special session for schools during the exhibition.

Booking NOW for schools visits from Monday 19 March 2012. Contact lisa.moll@sevenstories.org.uk to book your class visit. See inside for more details on this fabulous new exhibition.



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Booking Now!



Introducing NEW KS3 Hooks into Books

Choosing books for your key stage can be challenging and time consuming but Seven Stories can help. Our *Hooks into Books* packs are designed for you to put reading for pleasure and the best children's books at the heart of your school. We choose new titles each term and develop recommendations and suggestions on their use to provide a complete pack for you to buy on subscription. Following the popularity of our *Hooks into Books* for FS, KS1 and KS2, we are now introducing packs for KS3.



FS, KS1 and KS2 Hooks into Books | £70 per term including P&P

The packs include specially developed activities inspired by three of the books to help you explore them further with your group.

NEW! KS3 Hooks in Books | £75 per term including P&P

Seven of the best titles to inspire KS3 students to read for pleasure. This pack includes information sheets, shelf talkers and reading group questions to help you hook your readers in.

'The selection is totally appealing to children. The pupils want to open the books and they get excited about them – it's fantastic!'
Sue Jackson, Librarian, Heaton Manor School

To order your *Hooks into Books* packs contact Lisa and see our recommended reads section on the back page for some of our popular previously selected titles.

NEW!

1 March 2012 is **WORLD BOOK DAY** - the biggest celebration of books and reading in the world!

It's time to start planning **WORLD BOOK DAY 2012** celebrations for your class, library or school - and we are here to help you!

We are planning a range of events for **WORLD BOOK DAY** that will enthuse your children about books and stories.

See inside to choose from our *Reading for Pleasure Workshops*, *Story Party on the Road*, or our special *Winnie the Witch* events. Come and visit our fabulous exhibitions with your class and enjoy an exciting interactive workshop, or book in for a special visit to the Seven Stories Bookshop for your pupils to choose their **WORLD BOOK DAY** books.

See the back page for our exclusive interview with the **WORLD BOOK DAY** Director to find out more!

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For more information on school visits and offers contact lisa.moll@sevenstories.org.uk or call Lisa on 0845 271 0777 ext 719 or see www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning

Learning with Seven Stories From Early Years to Professional Development

Visit our Exhibitions

School visits 10.00-12.00 or 12.30-2.30 term time. Exhibition visit + interactive workshop, £3.95 per child.



Through the Magic Mirror, the World of Anthony Browne

School visits until Wednesday 29 February 2012
EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS3

Invite your class to step through the magic mirror into the amazing world of Anthony Browne. Including original artwork, this is a visual treat from the award-winning illustrator and former Children's Laureate.

Last chance to see

Daydreams and Diaries: The Story of Jacqueline Wilson

Until September 2012 | KS1, KS2 & KS3

Explore Jacqueline's favourite stories, characters, daydreams and working process in the first ever exhibition dedicated to this best selling author. Choose between *Cliffhanger* for KS1, *The Story of Tracy Beaker* for KS2 or our *Hetty Feather* workshop for KS2 or KS3, which enhances Victorian topics and links to the Golden Jubilee celebrations of yesteryear. In the workshop students will use drama, discussion and creative writing to explore how real life influences fiction.

"An outstanding place – somewhere every child should have the chance to visit"
Amanda Parkes, Head of English, Oxclose Community School, Washington



NOW ON!

A Squash and a Squeeze: Sharing Stories with Julia Donaldson

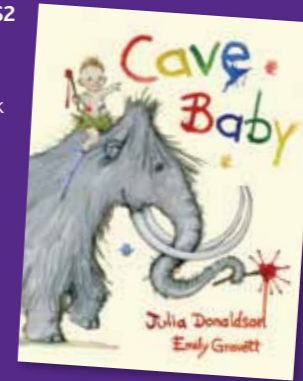
School visits from 19 March 2012 until March 2013 | EYFS, KS1, KS2

This brand new exhibition brings Julia Donaldson's captivating story worlds to life. Find out how she wrote modern classics such as *The Gruffalo*, *Princess Mirror-Belle* and *The Troll* and explore original artwork by her many illustrators – most famously Axel Scheffler.

Follow her journey from songwriter for BBC to current Children's Laureate, and see how she inspires her readers with story, rhyme and rhythm.

Your class can share stories and explore sensory environments based on Julia's books. Follow in *Toddle Waddle's* footsteps, climb into the cave with the *Cave Baby* and meet *The Gruffalo*. Sing along to her songs on *Julia's Jukebox* or perform a play in our theatre.

Booking now!



Author Event at Seven Stories

A Squash and a Squeeze with Julia Donaldson

12.30 - 2.30 | Friday 16 March
KS2 | £3.95 per pupil |

Come for a sneak preview of Julia's new exhibition and join her in an exclusive session to make up songs and act out stories together.

Very Limited Capacity. Contact Lisa to Book Now!



Authors into Schools

Book an author to come to your school for one of our special events to enrich your classes' learning! We also bring books for the children to buy and for the author to sign. £150 per visit. Very limited availability.

Ninja Meerkats with Gareth P Jones

Thursday 19 January 2012
KS2 | £150

The author of new action adventure series *Ninja Meerkats*, Gareth P Jones can come to your school. Join Jet Flashfeet, Chuck Cobracrusher, Donnie Dragonjab and Bruce Willowhammer on a global karate-chopping quest to thwart evil.



The World of Norm with Jonathan Meres

Tuesday 7 February
KS2 | £150

Jonathan Meres follows up *The World of Norm: May Contain Nuts* with another laugh-out-loud story about Norm, a boy who can't understand why everything always seems unfair...

Roman Mystery Scrolls with Caroline Lawrence

Wednesday 22 February
KS2 | £150

The Roman Mysteries combine art history, ancient languages and travel. Caroline shares her secrets for plotting stories, finding characters and creating a detailed world of adventure, illustrated by artefacts and images from her travels.

Tamara MacFarlane's Amazing Esme

Friday 2 March | KS1 | £150

Former teacher, award winning children's author and bookshop owner Tamara MacFarlane has teamed up with top children's entertainer Gilbert Giggles to create an author event which inspires reading for pleasure and writing for fun!

'Amazing Esme is a fantastic event for primary children. The fun filled event will develop children's understanding of character and plot and will entice all participants to join in with the amazing adventures of Esme.'

Lillie McCotter, Leading Literacy Co-ordinator and Assistant Head, Ivydale School.

Pegasus with Kate O'Hearn

Friday 9 March | KS2 | £150

Author of the hugely popular *Pegasus* series puts on a really special event for children age 9+, with her passion for storytelling!

"Kate O'Hearn is no ordinary author... She passes on her passion for story writing onto the students she meets!"

Alison Kingwell, Senior Librarian, Helenswood School



Harriet Goodwin

Thursday 29 March | KS3 | £150

Meet the creator of *Gravenhunger* and *The Boy Who Fell Down Exit* 43 in exclusive writing workshops for Year 7 or 8. Find out how Harriet developed her stories, her life before writing and begin to uncover Gravenhunger Manor's own dark secrets! Harriet is nominated for Stockton Children's Book of the Year 2012.

Dirty Bertie with author Alan MacDonald

Friday 30 March | KS1, lower KS2 | £150

Meet the author of best-selling *Dirty Bertie* books in this fun-packed, mad-cap event! Recreate some of Bertie's craziest shenanigans, see characters brought to life and learn how to draw Bertie himself.



Winnie the Witch

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 March
KS1 & KS2 | from £350

Let Winnie the Witch bring the magic of WORLD BOOK DAY to your school. A full day of exciting sessions for each class and the opportunity to spend your WBD vouchers – and even have your book 'signed' by Wilbur the cat!

Activities at Your School

Plan an inspirational event at your school to prepare for WORLD BOOK DAY on 1 March. Prices depend on number of pupils. Full day from £295.

Story Party on the Road

EYFS

Our unique *Story Party* can come to your school or setting! We'll bring a fantastic selection of stories and materials to bring books to life for your group. Each Story Party session lasts for one hour, is based around a theme and includes a range of songs and activities ideal for EYFS.



Poetry Roadshows

KS1 & KS2

Explore poetry with these exclusive interactive workshops in your school from Seven Stories. Immerse your class in poetic language and rhythm in these unique sessions which bring poetry and wordplay to life. Each roadshow is designed to increase confidence and raise motivation to read and listen to poems.

KS1 *Playing with Poems* Children explore sounds, touch, emotions and movement in this multi-sensory workshop.

KS2 *Wonderwords* An interactive performance that takes children on a thrilling adventure through different poetry worlds.

Reading for Pleasure

KS1, KS2 & KS3

Promote a love of reading and encourage children to discover their own preferences with our exciting collections of books, especially selected for your Key Stage. This session will enthuse and motivate you and your young readers to delve into the world of children's books. Includes a structured browse, plenty of book chat and some fun drama games to take your group on a reading journey they will love, through stories they will remember.



Seven Stories Book Fairs

EYFS, KS1, KS2 & KS3 | Free

We tailor a range of books to your individual school's needs, using the expert knowledge of our bookshop and learning teams, whether by key stage, theme or price. Schools will earn up to 15% commission on anything you sell, to spend on books, or keep the cash – you choose!

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To open an account contact Bookshop@sevenstories.org.uk or 0845 271 0777 ext 712

Order our Resources, Books & Adult Events

Order our resources and carefully selected *Hooks into Books* packs to be delivered to you termly.

Hooks Into Books

EYFS, KS1, KS2 £70 | NEW KS3 £75 | Per Term | Minimum 3 term subscription

Hooks into Books is specially designed to give you a great selection of the best and latest books for your Key Stage. Developed by Seven Stories for use in schools, we choose new titles each term and give you creative classroom based activities and suggestions on their use to provide a complete pack for you to buy on subscription.

NEW KS3 packs

Judith Kerr Resource pack

Judith Kerr Resource pack | KS2, KS3 | £30

Use this exclusive resource pack to explore the events featured in Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical novel *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*. Inspired by our acclaimed exhibition, this pack gives a framework to create an enriched reading experience and discuss growing up in 1930s Germany and becoming a refugee.

Order yours at www.sevenstories.org.uk

Perfect for Holocaust Memorial Day 27 Jan

Hooks Into Books Teacher's CPD

£45 for subscribers | £115 for non-subscribers, includes your first *Hooks into Books* pack and light refreshments | 4pm - 7pm | Wednesday 8 February

A special teachers' session to discover the benefits of subscribing to the *Hooks into Books* packs. Recommended for all teaching staff, but of particular interest to Literacy leads. Experience the latest packs first hand and see how *Hooks into Books* can provide inspiration for activities right across the curriculum. Limited Places. Book yours now.



CPD & Development Work

Talk to us about partnerships and projects

Seven Stories can work with you to increase the profile of reading for pleasure across your school. To learn more about CPD for teachers, working with parents and families, library redevelopment and easy to implement strategies to place books and reading at the heart of your school, talk to Lisa Moll.

Fickling Lecture

Enlisting Dumbledore's Army: Children's Stories and Human Rights

5.30pm | Tuesday 6 March
Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, Newcastle University | Adults | Free

Liberty's director, Shami Chakrabati, argues that children's stories may be as potent a force for fundamental rights and freedoms as political speeches.

Free entry, no booking required. Please note all spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



Interview

With Kirsten Grant, Director, WORLD BOOK DAY

What is WORLD BOOK DAY?

WORLD BOOK DAY is the biggest celebration of books, reading, authors and illustrators for children of all ages in the UK and Ireland. Now in its 15th year, WORLD BOOK DAY brings publishers, educational establishments, libraries, literacy charities, bookshops and the media together to shout about the power of reading for pleasure. Every year, over 14 million £1 book tokens are distributed to educational establishments nationwide.



Children are encouraged to visit their local bookshop where they can exchange their tokens for one of eight exclusive new books OR get £1 off a book or audio book priced £2.99 or more. In 2012, we have an incredible line-up of £1 books for children to get excited about and we are creating a free WORLD BOOK DAY app for teens with brilliant new stories by some of the top authors writing for teens today.

What can I do in my school?

Teachers, librarians, children and parents can get creative, to celebrate and share how special the experience of reading a good book is. And we also want you to build that celebration into your school day, no matter how much time you have at your disposal – 5 minutes, half an hour, half a day or the whole day...the main thing is to take part.



On 1 March there will be a live event streamed across the internet, starring Julia Donaldson, Jacqueline Wilson, Eoin Colfer, Jeremy Strong and Andy Stanton amongst others.

What resources are available to help me?

From mid-January WORLD BOOK DAY will be distributing resource packs (nursery, primary and

secondary), full of ideas to help you with your planning – as well as posters to decorate your class. There are also games, trailers, activity sheets and competitions galore online along with a range of themed booklists to download giving children lots of ideas on where to take their reading journey next.



What is your favourite children's book?

Wow – that's a tough question! Can I choose a few? *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King, anything by Roald Dahl, *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff, *The Moomins*...

What makes a good prop or activity to really bring a book to life?

I find the more interactive you can be, the better, so children can all have a chance to take part. And anything that can really plug into that special feeling children have about a certain book will really reap rewards. If you are lucky enough to be able to book in an author event, this is an unbeatable way of inspiring children both to read for pleasure and write their own stories.



On 1 March from 9.30-10.30am and 11am-12pm there will be two live events streamed across the internet, called **THE BIGGEST BOOK SHOW ON EARTH**, starring Julia Donaldson, Axel Sheffler, Jacqueline Wilson, Eoin Colfer, Jeremy Strong and Cressida Cowell and many others. Register to take part at www.worldbookday.com

For more information on WORLD BOOK DAY see www.worldbookday.com

All the WORLD BOOK DAY £1 Books will be available in the Seven Stories Bookshop but only whilst stocks last. Book a special WORLD BOOK DAY event for your class by contacting Lisa Moll on 0845 271 0777 ext 719

Recommended Reads

Some popular titles from recent *Hooks into Books* packs include



Frank & Teddy Make Friends by Louise Yates
KS1 | £5.99

Inventor and engineer Professor Frank Mouse is busy collecting and creating in his shed, but he's very lonely and too shy to join in with the other animals. He makes himself a friend, and Teddy becomes a useful assistant, who teaches Frank how important sharing and friendships are.

An engaging tale for the whole class full of gorgeous illustrations and subtle humour with central themes of friendship, tolerance, forgiveness and sharing.

Too Much Trouble by Tom Avery
KS3 | £5.99



A stunning debut novel addressing many issues facing children in today's inner cities, *Too Much Trouble* is accessible, emotional, traumatic and wonderful. The lead character of Emmanuel is beautifully drawn, as is his relationship with his brother. In an interesting take on *Oliver Twist*, the boys become part of a modern, Fagin-style pick-pocketing gang as events begin to spiral out of control and the story builds to an explosive conclusion.

Order these books from Seven Stories Bookshop online at www.sevenstories.org.uk or by ringing 0845 271 0777 x 712. Sign up for our *Hooks into Books* packs by contacting Lisa.

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Feedback...

We would really like your feedback on our newsletter and hope that you will share it with your colleagues.

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