Learning at Seven Stories
Spring 2019

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The National Centre for Children’s Books

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**Visit Seven Stories**

### Time to Get Up!

**Last Chance to Book** -
**Closes 25th January**

**Suitable for EY / FS / KS1 / SEND**

From getting up and dressed to going out to the shops, books help children to learn, develop and make sense of their daily life. Discover the exhibition Time to Get Up and encourage your group to explore and navigate their world through books. Featuring favourites including *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes, *Sunshine* by Jan Ormerod, *I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato* by Lauren Child and *Me and my Dad* by Robin Shaw.

**Workshops**

**Early Years:**
*Quiet* by Kate Alizadeh

**Foundation Stage:**
*Anna Hibiscus Song* by Atinuke & Lauren Tobia

**Key Stage 1:**
*Me and My Dad* by Robin Shaw

Visit our website for more information on workshop contents:
www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/visits/ttgu

### David Almond

**Suitable for KS2 / KS3**

Bringing to life Almond’s archive, the exhibition at Seven Stories explores themes of love, loss and hope through characters, real and imagined. Meet angels and devils, question what it means to be human and experience the North East through the eyes of one of its most creative sons.

Your group will take part in an interactive and imaginative-led tour of the exhibition and explore the themes of birds, wings and flight – ever-present in David Almond’s writing. The tour will bring David Almond’s writing to life and showcase the author’s creative process, inspiring children and young people to imagine their own stories.

**Workshops**

**Lower Key Stage 2:**
*Animal-People* with *My Dad’s a Birdman*

**Upper Key Stage 2:**
*Characters to Change the World* with *Skellig* and *The Savage*

**Key Stage 3:**
*Objects from the Riverbed* with *Heaven Eyes*

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### Time Slots

Choose a two hour time slot for groups of 30 pupils, from:

- 10am – 12 noon
- 12.30pm – 2.30pm

£4.95 per child

2 free adults per 10 children

Additional adults £4.95

### Extend your visit and the fun

Give your group the full Seven Stories experience by making your trip a full day event. Explore our unique exhibitions, attend one of our Story Times or both!

Extended visits are self-led. Additional £1 / child (subject to availability).

Lunch space & Bookshop visits – FREE.

**Coming Soon...**

**David Mckee’s Elmer & Friends Exhibition**

**Opening February 2019**

**Suitable for EY / FS / KS1 / SEND**

**Book now!**
Seven Stories at your School

“Seven Stories’ visit was so inspirational. Listening to such beautiful stories, which were brought to life with such enthusiasm and passion, was especially valuable for those children who are not keen readers. The simple, yet thought provoking activities allowed our children to develop their thinking and show a talent for the subject.” – Langley Moor Primary

Celebrate World Book Day with Seven Stories!

Thursday 7 March 2019

What better way to celebrate World Book Day than to have Seven Stories visit your school to excite and enthuse children about the joy of reading?

Story Party

Suitable for EY / FS / KS1
Half Day £225 / Full Day £325
Session capacity: 15 children
Session length: 45 – 60 minutes

Story Parties are packed full of multi-sensory activities that enrich children’s understanding and create meaningful book experiences. Unique to Seven Stories, each theme-based Story Party includes a range of songs and activities ideal for younger children. Themes include owls, rabbits, bears, creepy crawlies, clothes, friendship, and being unique.

Creative Writing Workshop inspired by Michael Morpurgo

Suitable for KS1 / KS2 / KS3
Half Day £225 / Full Day £325
Session capacity: 30 children
Session length: 90 minutes

Discover the inner workings of Michael Morpurgo’s writing process, looking at facsimiles of original drafts for some of his most well-known books (appropriate to Key Stage). Children will be inspired by Michael’s process, exploring story development and begin their own piece of creative writing, to continue in class.

Supported by Heritage Lottery Fund

Reading for Pleasure Workshops

Suitable for KS1 / KS2 / KS3
Half Day £225 / Full Day £325
Session capacity: 30 children
Session length: Approx. 90 minutes

Inspire reading for pleasure! Encourage your students to find books they love and share stories they will remember through group discussion, drama, creative and critical thinking. Delivered by a Creative Associate, these exciting sessions develop group confidence as independent readers.

Supported by Heritage Lottery Fund
Annual (39 week programme) - £250 / 1 day per week
Termly (12-14 week programme) - £300 / 1 day per week

Develop a love of books throughout the school and at home with Seven Stories Reader in Residence – a programme that places a member of the Seven Stories team into your school every week!

A typical day could include 3 creative sessions for whole class groups, 1 session with a targeted group and a family session with a timetable of:

- Shared story time 1
- Shared story time 2
- Discreet Group
- Lunch
- Shared story time 3
- Family session

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- Steve Williamson, Head Teacher, Northern Saints Primary School, Sunderland

Prior to joining our priority list, you can contact us:
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or call 0300 330 1095 ext 213

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Sensory Adventures

Suitable for KS1 / KS2 / KS3
Half Day £325 / Full Day £425
Session capacity: 15 children
Session length: 45-60 minutes

Explore some of our all-time favourite stories, specially chosen for sensory opportunities. Suitable for pupils with a variety of complex needs, children will enjoy a shared story, using tactile props including sand, water, feathers and bubbles.

Choose from our two sessions:

Sensory Seaside, suitable for children with MLD-SLD including MSI, PD and ASD.
Sensory Jungle, suitable for children with both MLD and SLD-PML including MSI, PD, ASD and VI.

Authors into Schools

Suitable for EYFS / KS1 / KS2 / KS3
Free
Session capacity: 90 - 700 children
Session length: 60 - 120 minutes

Our Authors into Schools programme brings an author or illustrator into your school to talk to a large group of children in your hall for approximately 1 hour, followed by book sales and the opportunity for children to meet the author and have their book signed.

Research from the Society of Authors shows that 99.4% of all schools who host an author visit considered it an invaluable experience that encouraged reading for pleasure, wider reading and creative writing.

Priority List for Authors into Schools:
Receive priority booking information about upcoming Authors into Schools events up to 2 weeks before general release.
To make sure your school is the first to hear, email learning@sevenstories.org.uk or call 0300 330 1095 ext 213 to join our priority list.
Training and CPD

Seven Stories’ training and CPD offers are developed by creative learning specialists to guide educators, practitioners and students through Seven Stories’ unique approach to working with children and young people. These sessions will provide tangible approaches and tools to use in the classroom.

“Brilliant inset – one of the best I’ve been to in many years of teaching – a true inspiration.” – Communication base teacher

Picture Book and Storytelling for teachers of EYFS / KS1 / KS2

A Closer Look at Elmer: New perspectives on favourite titles

Monday 4th February 9:30am - 3:30pm

Tailored for teachers who want to bring imagination into their reading classrooms! Explore Seven Stories’ approach to creative storytelling, extend your story-sharing practice,

Join our Creative Learning and Engagement team for a unique two-day training course designed to help you equip your class with writing confidence, and to re-connect with the real creative processes that are the building blocks for writing enjoyment and motivation, in school and beyond.

Inspired by our Where Your Wings Were: Journeys with David Almond exhibition, this programme offers a special opportunity to hear directly from the author himself about his writing experiences and to handle the original preliminary notes for some of his books.

You will take away:

• Ideas for a half term of writing work inspired by the professional author’s process.

Story Training for Early Years and Childcare Students

Suitable for KS4 / KS5 studying at levels 1–3

Half Day £225 / Full Day £325

Session capacity: 30 students

Session length: 90 – 120 minutes

Our training sessions offer a deeper level of engagement where students explore reading for pleasure and its impact on young children. Through developing an understanding of the value of books and sharing stories with children and gaining practical story sharing skills, students will develop their own enjoyment of sharing stories and gain confidence in their own skills. Content includes a look at how high quality children’s books underpin and enhance formal and informal teaching, inspire responses and creative outcomes alongside increasing confidence to share stories.

£145 per person (includes training and refreshments, Elmer exhibition preview, resources and activities with original materials)

Creative Writing for teachers of KS2 / KS3

Magic from the Riverbed with David Almond:

Laying foundations for extraordinary writing in the classroom

Day 1, 25th February 2019 9:30am - 3:30pm

Day 2, 18th March 2019 9:30am - 3:30pm

£390 per person (Two days of training, Hands on activity with David’s original materials, Author talk and book signing with David Almond, Books and resources & lunch and refreshments on both days)
School Membership Package
Give every child in your school a Seven Stories experience! Our whole school membership offers a wide range of benefits at a significantly reduced rate.

Typical Annual School membership - £1895 (over 25% saving) includes:
• Hooks Into Books – 3 key stages for 1 year (over 60 books in a year!)
• Telephone consultation with a Seven Stories Hooks into Books expert
• 7 class visits to our unique exhibitions
• A day of Seven Stories at your school
• Half day room hire of the Gillian Dickinson Learning Space (including refreshments for 20 people)
• 3 x annual family passes to Seven Stories
• Book selection with Seven Stories Bookshop
• Bookshop account with 15% discount on all book orders over £100

Arts Award & Arts Mark
Arts Award accreditation through Seven Stories offers opportunities to experience the work of an arts organisation and our artists, enabling children and young people to create their own work and share their learning.

Hooks into Books
Looking for the perfect books for your class?
Our expert team carefully select from the thousands of children’s books published each year and develop information and activities to create packs of seven books for each Key Stage, available on subscription.

These books can be used as a focus for reading for pleasure, to constantly refresh your bookshelves and provide rich, high-quality books which units of work can be built around. Raise the status of books and reading in your school or setting!

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 £70 per term per key stage inc. P&P

Elmer’s Great North Parade
This August, St Oswald’s Children’s Hospice and Wild in Art present Elmer’s Great North Parade – a colourful trail of over 70 individually designed elephants across Tyne and Wear, and schools are invited to decorate a ‘little herd’ of smaller Elmer sculptures. In addition to the statue itself, your school or group will receive a free Elmer big book and a learning programme resource pack linked to the curriculum as well as access to a range of fun and educational ways to fundraise for the Hospice.

To be involved visit:
www.greatnorthelmer.co.uk,
call Natalie Santamera on 0191 285 0063 ext: 2128 or email nataliesantamera@stoswaldsuk.org

Have You Herd About First Class Supply?
Elmer’s Great North Parade is stomping across the region from August 2019, and leading independent supply teaching agency, First Class Supply, has been announced as the Learning Programme Partner. First Class Supply are also long term supporters of Seven Stories and hold exclusive sponsorship of Seven Stories’ education programme.

As part of their sponsorship, First Class Supply will gift six small Elmers to a selection of schools across the North East, which would usually cost the schools £650 each. As the Learning Programme Partner, the supply teaching agency will fund all six of these, enabling schools to design and decorate their very own Elmer that will join the Parade for 10 weeks. First Class Supply has also sponsored a large Elmer, which will be situated at an iconic location in the North East.

“As an agency it’s incredibly important for us to support and get involved with our local community, our local schools and their pupils, so Elmer’s Parade is a natural fit.” – Lesley Robinson, director at First Class Supply

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