

Storytelling in the woods



From every adventure
there's a story to tell...

Outdoor workshops
for schools
with Jane Lambourne



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Outdoor workshops

These outdoor workshops are designed to:

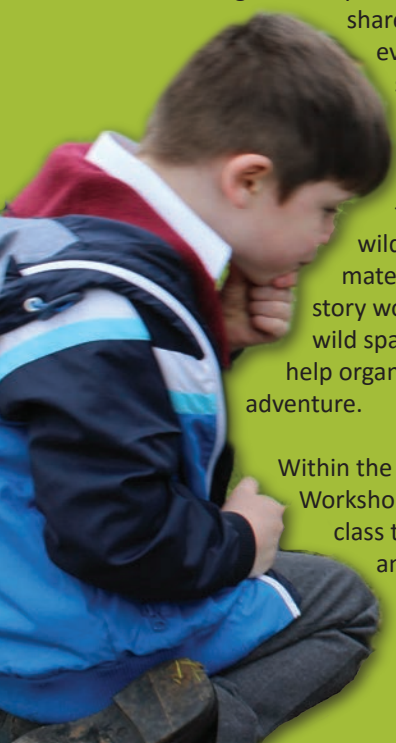
- Promote use of the outdoor classroom
- Develop imaginative thinking
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- Provide inspiration for creative writing
- Link where possible to different areas of the curriculum.

All workshops start with storytelling

After listening to a story, children are given the opportunity to respond to and share their thoughts and feelings about the characters and events in the story. Using the local environment as the stimulus, each participant is encouraged to have a go at retelling a tale or creating his or her own story.

Most schools have outdoor areas that can be utilised for workshops. If the school grounds are short of wild spaces, the woods can come to the school; natural materials can be brought in to enhance the potential for story work. Alternatively many schools have access to local wild spaces or woodland within walking distance. Jane can help organise a visit beyond the school grounds for a storytelling adventure.

Within the school grounds, workshops are typically of one hour. Workshops will require follow up in the classroom, with the class teacher, to develop written composition work and/or performance.





Choose a workshop

Interactive Story Adventures

For Early Years and Reception

Children follow the story trail to collect clues to a story, hear traditional tales in a natural setting and join in with interactive stories.



Nature's Theatre

For Years 1 and above

Working in small groups children collect natural materials to make scenes from the story they have just heard Jane tell. In their groups they show the rest of the class their natural theatre and retell the story, using the props they have collected. This activity can also be adapted to map making.



Image: Lisa King

Fabulous Fibs

For Years 2, 3 and 4

Children are sent to discover natural treasures. From just three words they fabricate a fabulous fib inspired by their found treasures, all beginning:

"You'll never guess what happened to me..."

In the workshop children are encouraged to articulate their story ideas in pairs or in groups, then share their fabulous fibs with the class.



Jack's Pack

For Years 4 and above

Jack is off on an adventure; his task to fill up his pack with ingredients for a story.

This workshop encourages children to work cooperatively, to create a story from objects they can find and creatures and characters they can see or imagine in the setting they are in.

Once Jack's pack is full, the story building begins...

Previous comments:

I have had some super feedback from the teachers about how creative the sessions were. Thank you very much.

Deputy Head teacher, Sacred Heart Primary

Jane's wonderful storytelling transformed the woods into a magical place. Our classes produced wonderfully descriptive stories while having a huge amount of fun!

Head of English, Reigate St Mary

Jane is very unique. I have never met someone who can catch a story by listening to the sounds of the wood. I really enjoyed that trip it has showed me what you can do to the woods and what the woods can do to you.

Year 4 pupil, Reigate St Mary

Thank you again for a lovely day, feedback from all year groups was good. We spent two days in Year 2 following up with fabulous fibs in class and they loved it. It is fabulous that some of my children with SEN also participated fully.

Head of Literacy, Shillington Lower

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