

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

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Authors in your school, inspiring children to both read and write

We are very pleased to continue to work with our authors in KS1 and 2. Paeony Lewis recently visited Swaffham Infants for the grand opening of their new library. Their Headteacher said: *"The children love listening to Paeony's books and now enjoy reading them in our library. It is inspirational for parents and children to listen to an author explaining how original ideas turn into books"*

In addition to the authors we have previously worked with, we have 2 new fabulous author / illustrators for KS1:

Clare Jarrett

Norwich based author and illustrator Clare Jarrett writes and illustrates Picture Books which are **great for KS1**. Claire is available for morning visits to your school and can deliver an Author talk as well as 'Words and Pictures' writing and drawing workshops for **KS1**. For **KS2** she can deliver workshops on 'How a book is Made'



Gillian McClure

Cambridge based author and illustrator Gillian McClure writes and illustrates Picture Books based on watery themes of Flood and Dam building, as well as other topics, **great for KS1**.

In a day, Gillian can give four one hour 'Words and Pictures' workshops plus either an assembly introduction on her work with Q&A, or a shorter Nursery or Reception story telling. Sessions are highly interactive using puppets, sketching, and drama as appropriate. Her objective is to inspire and encourage pupils to create their own stories in a variety of ways according to their age.



If you have SLS tokens left to use before the end of the financial year, which you may have if you're an N2GG school, get in touch with our office to discuss having an author visit.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) project boxes

Ofsted is keen to see schools deliver a *'thoughtful and wide-ranging promotion of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'* (Ofsted's School Inspection Handbook pub'd Sep 2014, Outstanding grade descriptor, p38)

Borrow an SMSC project box from us and promote these values through fiction and non-fiction. Project boxes are always bespoke and can cover more than one issue. Tell us your year group(s) and any particular emphasis you would like. Examples of subjects/ titles are:

Spiritual - religions/beliefs/faiths in UK and beyond, emotions and feelings, awe and wonder with the world e.g. *'What do people believe?'*

Moral - ethical questions/debates, understanding the consequences of actions, behaviour, coping with bullying e.g. *'Wait your turn, Tilly'*.

Social - different ethnic, socio-economic backgrounds, cooperation, volunteering, different types of family, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, values of British democracy, e.g. *'We are all Born Free'*.

Cultural - cultures, festivals, toys, folk tales around the world, Britain's Parliamentary system, refugees/asylum seekers e.g. *'The Silence Seeker'*.



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Spring term INSET

Dance Using Picture Books Tuesday 24th February 1.30pm-4.30pm, St Martha's Primary School, King's Lynn	A half-day course for EYFS/KS1 (ages 3-7) teachers and teaching assistants on creating dance using picture books as inspiration. Cost: 1 SLS Token.
Cracking the Code Conference Monday 2nd March 9am-3.30pm Green Britain Centre, Swaffham	A detective themed conference for KS2 teachers/TAs. The day will include workshops with practical ideas and inspiring sessions from well-known authors including Sally Gardner, Andrew Cope, H L Dennis and Kate Pankhurst, as well as workshops from the Museum Service, Pulse CSI and the Green Britain Centre. Lunch provided. Cost: 2 SLS Tokens
A "Hungry Eye": Visual Literacy at KS2 Wednesday 11th March 4pm-6pm, SLS Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	An after school twilight course for KS2 teachers and teaching assistants on how to use picture books to promote literacy. Cost: 1 SLS Token.
Making the Most of Junior Librarian Thursday 19th March 9am-12pm SLS Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	A half-day course to help your school to get maximum value from the full range of features of this library management software. This course is only suitable for users of the Junior3 version of the system; if you are using the .net version please call to discuss training. Cost: 1 SLS Token.

Norfolk's Great Big Read – class visits to the public library

Norfolk public libraries and mobile libraries are encouraging all the adults in Norfolk to pick up and enjoy a book with Norfolk's Great Big Read from March 23rd – 25th April.

Adults in care-giving roles – particularly parents and carers but also school staff- are the most important role models for children in encouraging them to see that reading is enjoyable. Supporting children to read for pleasure, as a leisure activity, is one of the most important things we can do for children's literacy and life chances.

So during February and March, if you arrange a school visit to your local library the children will receive an invitation for them to give to their parents and carers to encourage the grown ups to go to the library and pick up a book! **Your school will also be entered into a prize draw to win 2 SLS tokens!** Please just email the SLS team to let us know your school has visited the library.

Libraries may have limited capacity for school visits so please book well in advance to avoid disappointment and allow time for library joining forms to be sent home so children make the most of their library visit.

Would you like to be a reading champion and get more involved in promoting reading to adults during Norfolk's Great Big Read? Find out more from February onwards on the library website – <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries> - or at your local library!

Spring Courier dates for your diary

The delivery/collection dates for the spring term are below. If you have anything to return or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please make your requests in good time.

10th/11th February 24th/25th March 16th/17th April

Please get in touch so we can add you to our mailing list to receive SLS news or information by email directly.

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