

OUTLINE OF THE DAY



Throughout the day, children work in groups of two or three. Each group produces a collaboratively written and illustrated story. Working in a group enables children to complete the writing of their story within the time constraints of one day. Additionally, collaborative work allows children to brainstorm ideas together, the group dynamic being a great catalyst for creativity to flourish.

PART 1 Planning: Characters, Plot and Setting

- We look at extracts from various well known stories to learn how authors create **convincing characters**.
- Children learn about the importance of **characters changing** during the course of the story.
- We consider the differences between writing in **3rd person** and **1st person** and the advantages of each.
- For planning their **plot**, children are given a model to help structure their ideas.
- Children become familiar with the planning model through listening to an extract from a story and identifying the key stages in the story line.
- In their groups, children develop and finalise the plot for their stories, and decide who will write each part of the story.
- The final part of planning is developing **vivid, descriptive settings**. Children learn key tips before planning the description of a particular setting from their section of the story.

PART 2 Writing

Equipped with a detailed plan and brimming with ideas, the children write their story. They are encouraged to work closely to their plan to ensure their stories are tight and lucid. There is a positive push to encourage children to use adventurous and interesting vocabulary.

PART 3 Editing

After lunch and a short break from their stories, children learn a few guidelines for editing their work. They enjoy reading through their writing, looking for any corrections or improvements to be made. Editing skills are given further practice when they read through and check the work of their peers.

PART 4 Illustrating

In the final stretch of the day children express their creativity through drawing. Lucy provides various techniques and inspiration to help children produce a fantastic illustration that both compliments and enhances their writing.

The Book

The children's stories and illustrations are compiled into a professionally printed book. The book is printed and available two weeks after the workshop date.