



AUTHOR VISITS WITH Kate Thompson



Superheroes Don't Get Scared/Superheroes Always Fight Back

Illustrated by Clare Elsom - EYFS, KS1

Assemblies

A short introduction to life as a children's author, including interactive 'baddie spotting' and lots of encouragement for children to use their 'author superpower'. A reading of one of my picture books. A superhero-themed activity song followed by a 'superhero pow'. Q & A session.

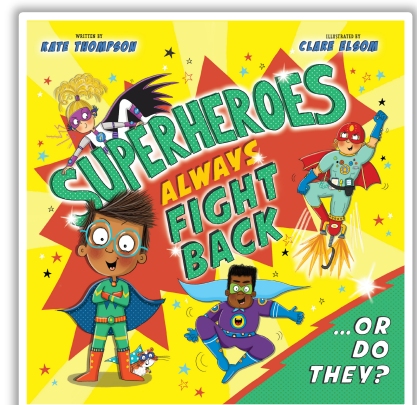
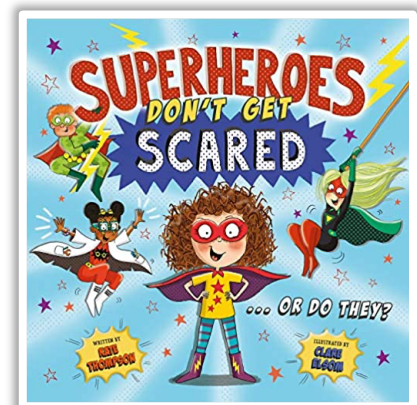
What I need: A projector/interactive white board with sound, connected to a computer with two available USB ports. A table.

Time: 30 mins

Optional Extra: Draw your own Super Guinea Pig following a pre-recorded video from the illustrator, Clare Elsom.

Additional Resources: School to supply and distribute a piece of paper and a pencil to every child.

Time: 10-15 mins extra added to the end of an assembly.



Alternatively, the draw-along video can be made available to the school for 24 hours as part of the visit day, to be used by teachers in the classroom to lead a draw-along activity after the assembly has finished.

Workshops

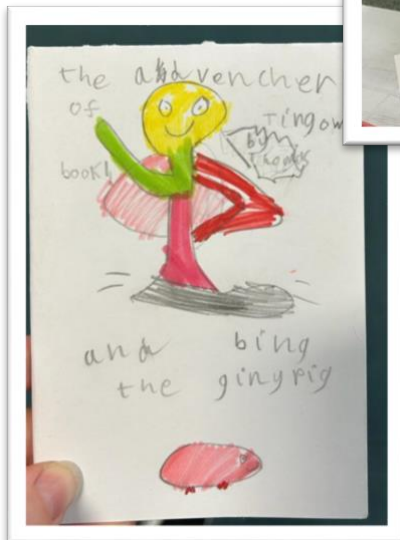
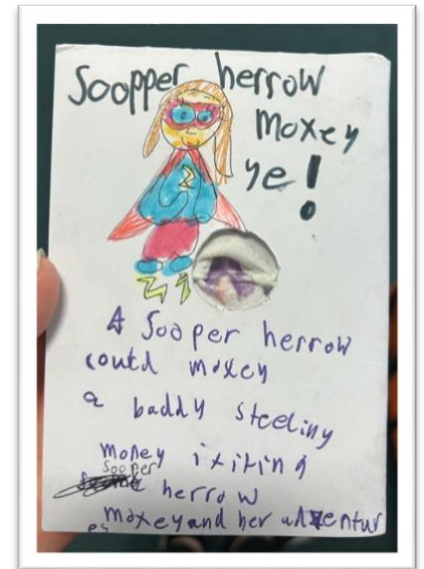
Let's Design a Superhero Book! - Using superhero props and accessories, we work together to create a class superhero, the children then break away to create their own designs. For older KS1 children this can be extended to form the book cover of their very own superhero finger puppet storybook.

What I need: A flipchart or whiteboard and a willing adult volunteer to get dressed-up!

The children will need access to drawing equipment and tables.

What I provide: Superhero-themed worksheets or blank finger puppet books (as required).

Duration: 45 mins



Other options are available. Please get in contact to discuss any specific requirements.

Kate lives on the South Coast of West Sussex with her husband and two children. Kate's books link well with the following topics: superheroes; bravery and fear; kindness and empathy; emotional wellbeing.

Basic prices for in-person events are as follows:

Full School Day: Workshops (up to 4 x 45-minute sessions), assembly and book signing - £350 plus expenses (via public transport).

Half School Day: Workshops (up to 2 x 45-minute sessions), assembly and book signing - £200 plus expenses (via public transport).

Single 30-minute assembly to KS1 (no workshops) and book signing - £100 plus expenses (via public transport)

Kate has public liability insurance and a basic DBS certificate, but at least one member of staff

must always be present.

*“Kate visited our school to do an assembly and work with our Year 2 classes. It was a pleasure to welcome Kate to Oatlands, she was very accommodating and flexible with our timetable and engaged really well with the children. The assembly was pitched well for our children and interactive - the children really enjoyed joining in with the stories and song. Our Year 2 classes loved their book making workshop and didn't want to stop! Kate gave quality time to support them all and they were so proud of what they produced. We would really recommend a visit from Kate for an infant school.” – **Phil Copsy, Deputy Head Teacher, Oatlands School, Weybridge***

*“The children loved the experience and they were talking about the books and many were wanting to make books themselves which I think is a perfect outcome... thank you for going above and beyond.” – **Broadwater CE School, Worthing***

*“KS1 and Reception children loved their visit from the author Kate Thompson. Her books are great fun but also have a strong message about the need to be kind. Her presentation enthused and engaged the children and the workshop, designing our own superheroes, was great fun and the children enjoyed sharing and drawing their own ideas.” – **Upper Beeding Primary School***

*“Kenya class loved having Kate in to visit. She was fully engaging throughout and interacted brilliantly with the children. The children loved her book and some even went home to do some of their own story writing as a result.” -- **Uplands Primary School, Fareham***

*“A couple of weeks ago, Year 1 enjoyed a visit by local author Kate Thompson. She shared her book, 'Superheroes don't get scared... Or Do They?' and talked to the children about being brave. We really enjoyed having her!” -- **Edward Bryant School, Felpham***

*“A brilliantly interactive session where pupils shared their superhero ideas superhero artwork... it was a wonderful day.” -- **Edgeborough School, Farnham***

*“[B]oth groups really enjoyed the session - you can always tell by how well they listen... And they were really inspired to create their own Superheroes - we had some amazing results... It was hard to tear them away from their designs.” -- **Middleton & Felpham Beaver Colonies***