



AUTHOR VISITS WITH Kate Thompson



As a passionate advocate for the importance of reading and writing for pleasure, I love working with children and families, and am available for school visits to EYFS and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, Guide and Scout groups, bookshops and libraries. I hold a current basic DBS Certificate.

My visits are full of energy and interaction, and can be tailored to fit with ongoing topics and adjusted to meet the particular needs of the children in question.

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A brilliantly interactive session where pupils shared their superhero ideas superhero artwork... it was a wonderful day.”

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We LOVED Kate. PLEASE get her back to Bramhall!

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Thank you so so much for coming - I have only heard such amazing things from all the children and staff!! Lots came to show me their amazing puppet books at the end of the day too.

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My daughter is STILL singing the Yeti song. Thank you to Kate for making today so special and spending so long chatting with her.

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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.

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[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.

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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.

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We had an awesome time with you in our school. The children... were fully engaged with you, and enjoyed sharing the times they have been brave... We'd love to have you visit again in future.

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Kate was incredible. She really engaged the children and we've had so many messages from parents about what a great time we had.

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The visit was lovely, and the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

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Werelock and Scratch: Mystery Most Puzzling

Illustrated by Binny Talib – KS2 (years 3 & 4)

Calling all mystery fans: The Werelock and Scratch Detective Agency needs you!

Can you help Werelock - the world's greatest (and only) werewolf detective - and his raven assistant, Scratch, solve the case before it's too late?

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of the following:

- Two Truths and A Lie – find out about K.R. Thompson while training our detective brains
- A reading from the book
- An interactive mystery with puzzles to solve along the way
- A character draw-along
- A detective Badge and/or magnifying glass bookmark craft activity
- Workshops: create your own mystery book characters; create your own mysterious city/world map for your own mystery story; create your own treasure map and treasure trail clues.

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: Approx 45 mins)

Two Truths And A Lie - find out about K.R. Thompson while training our detective brains. An introduction to Werelock & Scratch followed by a reading from the book. An interactive mystery and puzzle solving quest. A Q&A.

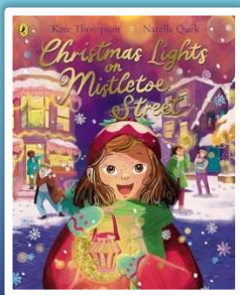
What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. Three tables. A large flip chart/white board (especially if doing the draw along).

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

Design A Mystery Book Character! K.R. introduces the importance of creating imaginative characters, then using a spinning wheel, we work together to create a class character – whether the detective, a suspect or the baddie. The children then break away to create their own designs, with the option to turn them into Top Trump style cards.

What I need: A flipchart or whiteboard. The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for drawing on. A piece of paper and drawing equipment for every child.

What I provide: Wheel spinner, whiteboard markers. Top Trump style card template for each child.



Christmas Lights On Mistletoe Street

Illustrated by Natelle Quek - EYFS, KS1

“For parents who want their children to read about the true meaning of Christmas” The Bookseller

It's three days until Christmas and Holly is fizzy with excitement! Her tree is a sparkle-fest, she's been to the Mistletoe Street Christmas Market and - best of all - she's met Father Christmas himself!

But when Holly notices that there's one house on her street which isn't lit up, she's determined to include its elderly resident, Ivy, in the Christmas fun. And when a power cut strikes on Christmas Eve, will anyone remember Ivy? Can Holly lead her neighbours to bring joy to the whole of Mistletoe Street?

A heartwarming and festive tale. This truly special book is perfect for sharing at Christmas time.

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A reading of the book
- A Christmas paper lantern craft
- Making a Christmas card for someone special in our life
- A gingerbread man drawalong

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 30 mins)

A short author talk. A reading of the book. A Christmas action song. An optional gingerbread man drawalong. Q&A.

What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. A table. A large whiteboard/flip chart if doing the drawalong.

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

A group discussion about how we can include and help others, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Each child is given a paper bauble to draw/write an idea to help someone or make someone smile. These baubles will be stuck on a class Christmas tree drawing while they break away to create and decorate their own Christmas paper lanterns.

What I need: The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for crafts to take place on.

What I provide: All crafting materials.



All I Hope For you

Illustrated by Kitty Harris - EYFS, KS1

A beautifully-illustrated lyrical rhyming letter of love and hope from a grown-up to their child as they take their first steps into the big, wide world.

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A reading of the book
- A short affirmation song (requires the ability to play the affirmation video with audio);
- An LED tealight holder craft
- A light-catcher paper craft
- A book signing/meet the author

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 15- 20 mins)

A short author talk. A reading of the book. A short inspirational affirmation song. Optional Q&A.

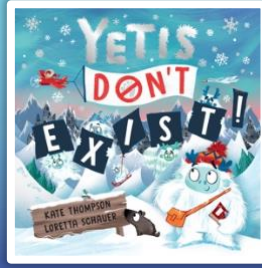
What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. A table.

Workshops (Time: 15- 20 mins)

In workshops children can create their own tissue-paper decorated tealight holders or light-catchers to symbolise the unique light that they bring to the world.

What I need: The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for crafts to take place on.

What I provide: All crafting materials.



Yetis Don't Exist

Illustrated by Loretta Schauer - EYFS, KS1

What would YOU do if the world suddenly announced that yetis don't exist... and you just so happen to BE a yeti?! Join Iggy and his yeti friends as they set off on a human search to prove to the humans that yetis really DO exist. A wonderful, wintry rhyming story with a HUGE twist and a brilliantly clever visual narrative that will have all readers laughing out loud! AS SEEN ON MILKSHAKE'S STORY DEN IN MARCH 2025!

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A short introduction to me
- A reading of the book
- A yeti action song (I bring my own audio)
- A yeti draw-along
- A yeti craft
- Book signing/meet the author

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 25 - 30 mins or 40 minutes with yeti draw-along)

A short author talk, including interactive 'yeti spotting'. A reading of the book with extra sound effects on the slides. A yeti action song, Q&A. Optional yeti draw-along (*Brings duration to 40 mins*)

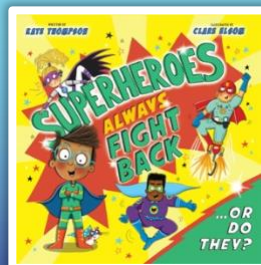
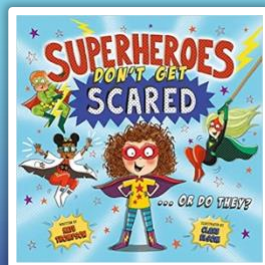
What I need: A projector/interactive white board **with sound**, connected to a computer with an available USB port. A table. For the yeti draw-along I'll need a large whiteboard/flipchart and the children will need to be provided with paper and pencils.

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

Let's Design a Creature! - Using dressing up props, we work together to create a class creature. 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 mythical creature finger puppet storybook.

What I need: A flipchart or whiteboard. The children will need access to tables or a firm surface for drawing on.

What I provide: Dressing up props, whiteboard markers, pens and pencils, paper or blank finger puppet books (as required).



Superheroes Don't Get Scared/Superheroes Always Fight Back

Illustrated by Clare Elsom - EYFS, KS1

These superhero-themed picture books explore the concepts of bravery/fear and kindness with a cast of unique and dynamic characters. Perfect for superhero and PSHE topics.

Bookshop, library, festival and community group events

Content to be discussed, but can include any or all of:

- A short introduction to me and my books and the superpower that is storytelling
- A reading of one or both of my books
- A superhero action song
- Colouring/superhero-themed word searches
- A superhero mask-making craft
- A teddy superhero cape making craft
- A super guinea pig draw-along

School Visits

Assemblies (Time: 25 - 30 mins or 40 minutes with super guinea pig draw-along)

A short author talk, including interactive 'baddie spotting' and lots of encouragement for children to use their 'author superpower'. A reading of one of the superhero picture books. A superhero-themed action song followed by a 'superhero pow'. Q&A. Optional super guinea pig draw-along (*Brings duration to 40 mins*).

What I need: A projector/interactive white board with sound, connected to a computer with two available USB ports. A table. For the draw-along I'll need a large whiteboard/flipchart and the children will need to be provided with paper and pencils.

Workshops (Time: 45 mins)

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 tables or a firm surface for drawing on.

What I provide: Props, whiteboard markers, pens and pencils, superhero-themed worksheets or blank finger puppet books (as required).

Price Guide

Basic prices for in-person school events are as follows:

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

Half Day: Workshops (up to 2 x 45-minute sessions), assembly and book signing - £250 plus travel expenses (via public transport).

Single 45-minute assembly (no workshops) and book signing - £150 plus travel expenses (via public transport)

For other events, please contact Kate on katethompsonwrites@gmail.com to discuss requirements.

Kate has public liability insurance and a basic DBS certificate, but at least one member of staff must always be present.