

2021 MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

AMENDED PRESENTERS' PROGRAMME

For issue to Schools Rev. 4 --- 10th February 2021



Monday 22 February



Title : *The Football Reading Game*

Author : Tom Palmer, Author

Audience : Years 4 to 7

Time : 1.30 pm

Duration : 1 hour



Tom hosts a quiz about all the great things you can read about football - newspapers, books, magazines, websites – emphasising the joys of reading about what you love, encouraging reading for pleasure, thus showing reluctant readers that you don't have to just read books to get information.

2 classes per session

<http://www.tompalmer.co.uk>

Wednesday 24 February



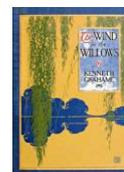
Title : *The Wind in the Willows*

Story Teller : Dame Katherine Grainger

Audience : Reception & Years 1 & 2

Time : 9.30 am

Duration : 30 minutes



A rowing Olympian extraordinaire, Dame Katherine is Britain's most decorated female Olympic athlete. She kindly agreed in 2019 to become Patron for Maidenhead's Big Read, inspired by her own passion for books from early childhood. Katherine will read from *Wind in the Willows* which reminds her of rowing on the Thames.

6 classes of Reception, Years 1 & 2, and the duration will include Q&A

<https://www.katherinegrainger.com>

Thursday 25 February

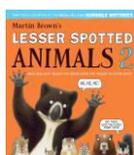
Title : *Lesser Spotted Animals*

Author & Illustrator : Martin Brown

Audience : KS2

Time : 11 am

Duration : 1 hour



Do you like animals? Really? We'll see. This is a talk about some of the lesser-known animals in the world - and how I draw them. And perhaps, how you can draw them too.

Maximum of 4 Classes per session

Title : *Horrible Histories*

Author & Illustrator : Martin Brown

Audience : KS2

Time : 1.30 pm

Duration : 1 hour



A bit of history that is horrible then some chat about what I do as an illustrator and how I draw - or rather, how we all draw.... Then, some drawing!

<http://martinbrownillustrator.co.uk/>

Wednesday 3 March

Title : *The Gruffalo*

Story Tellers : Arti Sharma-Grey & Jane Deane

Audience : Reception & KS1

Time : 9 am

Duration : 20 minutes

Title : *The Witch in the Broom Cupboard*

Story Tellers : Arti Sharma-Grey & Jane Deane

Audience : Reception & KS1

Time : 9.30 am

Duration : 20 minutes

Title : *Stick Man*

Story Tellers : Arti Sharma-Grey & Jane Deane

Audience : Reception & KS1

Time : 10 am

Duration : 20 minutes



Arti of Once Upon a Bus, with the support of Jane Deane who featured on the BAFTA award winning show "Justin's House" on CBeebies, create fabulous and magical storytelling experiences combining the traditional social function of storytelling with progressive learning techniques. They deliver inspiring, interactive and truly immersive experiences that delight and enlighten, and encourage children to listen to and love reading.



One School per session

<http://www.onceuponabus.com>

Title : *Kites*

Poet : Simon Mole

Audience : Reception to Year 3

Time : 11am

Duration : 1 hour



Title : *Kites*

Poet : Simon Mole

Audience : Reception to Year 4

Time : 1.30 pm

Duration : 1 hour



<https://www.Simonmole.com>

National poetry day ambassador Simon Mole is coming to help your imaginations take flight . . .

Build skills and confidence through games and activities before being supported to write your own poem! This workshop includes Simon's performance of his debut picture book KITES: a moving poetic story about friendship and belonging.

What would you make a kite out of if the only limits were your imagination? Will it fly above Bedford or Barbados? Most important of all, how will people know your kite is yours?

Suitable for Reception to Year 4 school groups, but ideally for Years 3 & 4

<https://www.youtube.com/simonmole>



Thursday 4 March (World Book Day)



Title : *A guidance to build fantastic stories....
.... Find Your Story*

Author : Kate Poels

Audience : Year 3

Time : 09.30 am

Duration : 1 hour



Title : *A guidance to build fantastic stories....
.... Find Your Story*

Author : Kate Poels

Audience : Years 4 to 7

Time : 1.30 pm

Duration : 1 hour

Learn how to come up with cool characters, super settings and powerful plots to bring your story to life - Interactive creative writing with prompts to get young authors going and plenty of guidance to build fantastic stories.

Four to six Same Year Classes – Questions can be raised in advance of the session.

<http://www.katepoels.co.uk/>

Thursday 4 March (Continued)

Title Dragons and Wizards with Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell

Illustrator & Author Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell

Audience : Years 4 to 6

Time : 10.30 am

Duration : 50 minutes



Meet multi-million-selling, award-winning author Cressida Cowell, creator of the How to Train Your Dragon books (and DreamWorks films) and The Wizards of Once series – and the Waterstones Children's Laureate.

Cressida will talk about her latest book, The Wizards of Once: Never and Forever, as well as How to Train Your Dragon, and will give tips on becoming an author or illustrator. Cressida has sold 11 million books in 38 languages, and done sold event events at every major book festival. Unmissable!

Suitable for multiple classes / several schools

<https://CressidaCowell.co.uk>

Title A Feast of Fun with Nick Sharratt

Illustrator & Author Nick Sharratt

Audience : Years 2 & 3

Time : 11.30 am

Duration : 1 hour



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Duration : 1 hour



In his session Nick will be hosting a drawalong, focusing on his favourite picture books, many of which revolve around the subject of food. The audience will sketch along with him, as he shows how he goes about drawing all sorts of funny characters. He will be encouraging creative thinking and suggesting how the pictures could be taken further outside the confines of the session. Each participating child will require basic drawing materials, at least 8 sheets of paper (A4 is ideal) and something to rest on if not sitting at a table.

Though suitable for an ages 4 to 9, these sessions will be aimed at Years 2 & 3 classes - 4 per session <http://www.nicksharratt.com>

Tuesday 9 March



Title : *Could you be an Astronaut?*

Author : Sue Palmer

Audience : KS2

Time : 10.30 am

Duration : 90 minutes

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Duration : 90 minutes



Follow Michael May in his dream to become the first child astronaut and learn what it takes to live 240 miles above the earth. Could you be an astronaut?

Ideally Two KS2 Classes for an interactive session

<http://www.sypalmer.com>

Wednesday 10 March

Title : *Riding a Lion*

Author & Poet : Coral Rumble

Audience : Years 3 & 4

Time : 9.30 am & 10.30 am

Duration: 30 minutes



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Author & Poet : Coral Rumble

Audience : Years 3 & 4

Time: 1 pm & 2 pm

Duration: 30 minutes



Let Coral Rumble tell your children about how she rode a lion, as she reads from her new poetry collection! This workshop will employ Coral's new book *Riding a Lion* to encourage your children to write their own poems.

Three classes per session

<https://www.coralrumble.co.uk>

VIDEO



Title : *Farmer Falgu Stays At Home*

Author : Chitra Soundar

Audience : Reception, Year 1 & 2

Duration : 30 minutes

<http://www.Chitrasoundar.com>



Please look at the Maidenhead's Big Read website from mid-February 2021 onwards for further details of the Presenters, and for other events such as the "Book Trail" Competition, "Drop Everything and Read" activities and Children's e-Book Club: <https://www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk>

Grateful thanks to our presenters and volunteers; and to our Sponsors who supported and fully funded the Maidenhead's Big Read events for the benefit of our local Community, encouraging and inspiring more people to read and to love reading



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