



where words
work
in so many
different ways

...our work with schools

Bring your class for a **visit to the museum** - it's purpose built to inspire.

Let us take your class out into the countryside - Shropshire has many site-specific stories that build into memorable **outdoor projects** with traditional tales. The area around your school is full of inspiration for new stories and a storywalk with us will help your class create them.

We can **visit your school** for a day or help plan a longer-term project that addresses key issues, or is just plain creative fun.

We have plenty of ideas to engage all of your pupils including **gifted and talented**.

Take a look at our website <http://www.mythstories.com> and explore our plentiful, free **online resources**.

We offer thought-provoking and enjoyable **staff training** that will bring new ideas and vitality into the classroom.

But if you just want a storyteller in your school to introduce a topic in an entertaining way then give us a ring and we'd be happy to refer you to **other local storytellers**.

A Visit To The Museum



"The children have not stopped talking about their visit and it was especially rewarding for us to see their immediate engagement and response to the auditory, visual and kinaesthetic delight that is the Mythstories Museum."
- Sue, Key Stage 2 TA

"We had a great time. Many Thanks.
The storyteller was wonderful - see you again."
- Conail, Key Stage 2 teacher

The museum is a purpose built hands-on learning environment and your class will have sole use of the premises.

Your pupils will be encouraged to explore with purpose, while doing group activities in each area.

They will hear stories from our resident storytellers and try their hands at activities.

Each visit is programmed in response to Class teacher's requirements - please telephone us to discuss.

Cost £125.00

Duration 2 hours

Outdoor Projects

Stories help pupils see places in different ways and having the countryside as a backdrop brings stories to life.



"It's hard to think of anything to improve the visits" - Mr R, Key Stage 2 teacher

"I thought lots of stuff, I mean I could see the story happening. I felt a bit scared, with the mud being slippy, and excited." - Jade, KS2

"The project has made a much broader impact on the children than we anticipated." - Jo, project co-ordinator

"Thank you for taking us on this wonderful adventure." - Kirsty, Key Stage 2 pupil

We offer storywalks in some of our favourite Shropshire places: Ellesmere, Colemere, Nesscliffe, Haughmond Hill, The Stiperstones or Oswestry Hillfort/Whittington Castle.*

If you'd rather stay closer to home we will devise a storywalk from your school gate - be it in a countryside setting or urban environment there are always stories to suit - and then work with your class to create their own site-specific story**.

Two storytellers will work with one class. The class teacher should come too, together with adult supervisors in accordance with your school's health & safety policy.

Cost per day £300.00 + travel

Cost per half day £180.00 + travel

Please Note:

* Whittington Castle will levy an additional £50 charge for use of their facilities.

** For your individual school storywalk we would need an additional day researching the walk and preparing the necessary Health & Safety risk assessment.

Visit Your School

Our visits to schools are usually curriculum enrichment workshops. We bring in ideas and initiate work to promote your pupils' skills as storytellers, story-creators or story-writers.

"The children were very inspired by the stories. The practical nature and final visual aid was very effective. I shall definitely be using this idea again." - Vicki, Key Stage 1 teacher

"Children who normally struggle with imaginative ideas have been enthused in several pieces of work since." - Adele, Key Stage 2 teacher

"The Year 1 pupils particularly enjoyed the story - and they have told the story to the rest of the school in Service. They also drew creatively." - Mari, Key Stage 1 teacher

"Most of all I enjoyed myself." - Year 2 pupil

Two storytellers work together in the classroom or hall with class-size groups. The class teacher and teaching assistant should be there too, to join in the fun and ensure the work has a legacy.

Please get in touch to discuss your individual requirements.

Cost per day £330.00 + travel

Cost per school morning £200.00 + travel



Gifted & Talented

Mythstories has a long track record of working successfully with gifted and talented students of all ages.

Let us challenge your gifted and talented pupils and transform them into school storytellers leading on creating their own school storytelling club. We can deliver a flexible programme of workshops to build their confidence, skills and story repertoire.

Who knows one of them might become Young Storyteller of the Year. It's happened before ... three times!

On-Line Resources

The Mythstories website www.mythstories.com contains a dedicated story site with stories and related activities. There is a special section for Early Years and pre readers while most of the site is for use by Key Stage 2 pupils. There is even a section of Shropshire stories in French.

It is designed as a resource for pupils' self guided use or in association with their partner in education.



It is navigated by means of graphic duck buttons to make it easier for those barred by the written word. Many stories are accompanied by spoken sound files and each story page has an associated sing along midi file with lyrics displayed for karaoke fans.

The website is laced with ideas for educators to use or remodel for their own projects.

Staff Training

A visit to the museum alone is informal training in how to use storytelling in curriculum delivery. There are thousands of ideas to plunder and take back to the classroom to try for yourself.

We offer formal workshops on how your school can use storytelling. These workshops are for groups of 6 to 12 so why not team up with your cluster schools for a day.

These creative and enjoyable workshops can help you build your team and might even inspire a school storytelling club, it's happened before!

Times and durations to suit you, from twilight sessions to a full day programme.

Indicative budget price: £500 for a day. For full quotation please contact us with your requirements.

"A fantastically inspirational day! It has given me many ideas to use immediately with my class. Some easily adaptable stories that I will not forget! Thank you."

"We had a fab time and did lots of things we never thought we would! Can't wait to share the ideas with others at school!!!"

"Interactive - informative fun in a fantastic setting."

"Great for waking up your imagination. Lovely kinesthetic activities and easy for use in the classroom. Thought provoking. Fab ideas for G&T. Good fun!"

"All staff were very enthusiastic and thought the day was inspiring and well run ... the whole day was geared to our needs and what we asked for."



Other Local Storytellers

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