

School Sessions at The Story Museum

Explore the brand new galleries at the reopened Story Museum and select from our range of story sessions

Story Sessions

Choose your 50-minute literacy session based on the wonder of the exhibition spaces!

Story Pictures (EYFS/Year 1)

Students spend time exploring our 'Small Worlds' gallery and have stories on our Giant Bed. They will act out their favourite scenes from the picture books, from We're Going on a Bear Hunt to Traction Man, and create their own scene from craft materials to take home.

Outcome: drama and craft

Story Play (EYFS/Year 1)

Students enter our 'Small Worlds' gallery for stories on our Giant Bed. They will create their own mini story landscapes and imagine the episodes that could unfold within their enchanted new world.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

Story Porridge (Years 1-2)

Students will explore some traditional folk and fairy tales, and use the classic device of the Rule of 3 to create their own story.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation

Story Power (Years 2-4)

Students look at the concept of powerful objects within stories – from Thor's hammer to Arthur's sword in the stone. They then work in groups to concoct their own story about an object with a mysterious power.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

Story Pranksters (Years 1 – 4)

Students are introduced to stories that star the classic character of the Trickster, such as Anansi the Spider, and the cunning Mr Fox, before creating their own.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

Story Portals (Years 2 – 7)

Students revisit portals used in classic stories featured in the exhibition, from the Rabbit Hole down into Wonderland to the Wardrobe through to Narnia. Students then create their own magical portal between two worlds, using a wealth of materials to stimulate the beginning of an enchanting story.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

Story Sequels (Years 4 - 8)

Listen and join in with stories within an oral storytelling tradition of your choice, or printed story featured in the exhibition, and then create a sequel inspired by the character, setting, theme or plot structure, with a modern twist if you wish. For your choice of oral story ask for a list of stories featured in the Museum's Whispering Wood gallery or for a list of printed books featured in the Museum's Enchanted Library gallery.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

Museum Maker (Years 5-13)

Explore the Story Museum's approach to curating narrative environments, and then design an evocative room based on close-reading a section from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Subtle Knife* or your own class set text. Past bespoke sessions have included Michelle Magorian's *Goodnight Mr Tom*, RL Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* and Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.

Outcome: speaking and listening presentation; illustrated and annotated design using quotations

Explore Oxford's story heritage

Join our guides for an interactive walk around the city.

City Story Walks

Get out and about with a story-themed walk around the beautiful city of Oxford

Wonderwalk (Years 2-13)

Visit iconic sites that inspired the city's most famous fantasy writers. Throughout the walk your students will learn key facts about the writers' lives and how simply observing the world can lead to ideas for classic fiction. The students will also play the stories through a variety of multisensory games and storytelling. The route features stunning locations including The Radcliffe Camera and Christ Church, not to mention dragons. Choose three authors from C S Lewis (Narnia), J R R Tolkien (The Hobbit), Lewis Carroll (Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland) and Philip Pullman (Northern Lights).

Alice Story Walk (Years 1 & 2)

Come on a walk through the story of Alice in Wonderland. We'll begin at the Story Museum, then walk along to Christ Church Meadow, the location of many sites that inspired Lewis Carroll. As your Story Guide retells the story, we'll have a Caucus Race, a Caterpillar Contest, 'Red Queen Says', and fun with songs, riddles and charades on the way.

2020 Prices & Booking

Story Sessions (2 hours)

10:00-12:00 or 12:30-14:30

£175 + VAT

City Story Walks (2 hours)

10:00-12:00 or 12:30-14:30

£175 + VAT

Day of Delight (4.5 hours) Story Session + City Story Walk

10:00-14:30
(with 30 minute lunch break)

£275 + VAT

To book email Karen on learning@storymuseum.org.uk
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