

Year 3/4 pupils – Superhero Comic Strips

Date of course	Times	Venue	Cost	Max. places	Subject
Friday 10 th January 2025	9.30am – 3.00pm	Braeside Education Centre	£60	16	Literacy AGAT

Course details

“There is a superhero in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape.” (Superman)

Comic strips are a popular form of literature that combines drawing and design with carefully chosen text, to achieve eye-catching and entertaining results. What better introduction to these than via the fun and engaging topic of Superheroes?! Learn all the tricks of the trade to inform clever combinations of illustration and text that will allow you to engage others with the use of precise vocabulary and simple but imaginative story structure. A range of superhero comic strips will be poured over and enjoyed, before it is time to fully unleash your creativity. You will then be supported in designing a unique and authentic superhero, ready to be unleashed on their quest for good. Wings like a shield of steel or an ability to scale buildings might be put to the test, as you launch your superhero full throttle into their very own comic strip world. This day promises to be a learning-rich head-turner and is the perfect precursor to our *Graphic Novels* course for older primary pupils.

Guidance criteria for identifying participants

Pupils should:

- enjoy writing for pleasure
- be confident in the process of creative drawing
- be willing to share and discuss their thoughts and ideas
- be able to work both independently and collaboratively

Course Tutor

Louise Lawrence graduated from the University of the West of England in 2002, with a BA honours degree in Primary English. Her extensive work as a primary teacher in a range of settings has seen her teach gifted and talented pupils aged 4 to 11. Louise is an incredibly adaptable teacher who is passionate about all aspects of teaching and learning and is experienced in the roles of Early Years Practitioner, one-to-one tutor, secondary language teacher, school governor and youth worker. In addition to this, she is a committed grassroots coach at her local rugby club.

Louise is a creative individual with a particular passion for language, especially when it comes to children’s literature. She loves nothing more than to immerse herself in a good book with her own children and thrives upon the enjoyment of developing children’s reading and writing skills across a range of exciting genres.

As a result of participating in the course you will have:

- designed your own superhero
- created a successful and engaging comic strip
- extended your ability to write for specific purposes & audiences

What you will take away with you:

- your finished comic strip(s)
- an enthusiasm to widen your reading and writing repertoire
- a personalised certificate of attendance

Students should bring:

- writing equipment
- drawing/colouring equipment
- notebook
- your favourite superhero comic strip examples, if available
- water bottle
- suitable clothing/footwear for outdoor breaks

Lunch and refreshments are provided. School uniform is not required. However, superhero-themed clothes (although not a requirement) will be applauded! No mobile phones.