

Year 5/6 pupils – The Craft of Mysterious Story Writing

| Date of course | Times | Venue | Cost | Max. places | Subject |
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| Tuesday 19 th November 2024 | 9.30am-3.30pm | Braeside Education Centre | £60 | 16 | Literacy AGAT |

Course details

Create your very own spooky story this season!

Come along on an exciting journey of story-making. Discover your inner author as you fire up your imagination to create your very own dramatic story.

You'll start with some fun exercises to get your creative juices flowing. We'll take a look at what inspires and interests you to come up with some wonderfully spooky story ideas. Next, you'll get immersed in the key elements of storytelling, including:

- **Setting and world-building**
Create a map of the world for where your story can take place
- **Characters**
Design dynamic characters, including character goals and motivation
- **Plot and structure**
Devise a compelling narrative with dramatic action and key turning points
- **Narrative**
Explore the use of conflict, suspense and exciting dialogue.

You'll be able to find out more about my own writing journey and what's inspired my stories through interactive tasks that will help you develop your own stories. We'll also take a look at how you might connect the past with the present for a truly spooky tale. Plus, we'll explore how secrets and objects can develop a story that's filled with intrigue, conflict and drama!

Guidance criteria for identifying participants:

- Pupils should be creative and imaginative.
- Pupils should enjoy collaborating with others.
- Pupils should demonstrate attention to detail and good decision-making skills.

Course Tutor

Alex Campbell is a children's author, editor, and a Lecturer in Creative Writing for Young People. Alex currently writes children's books for 8-12 years old under the name Alex Cotter. Her recent novel, [The House on the Edge](#), was selected as a WHSmith Travel Book of the Month and chosen for the 'Read for Empathy' collection. In addition, she has written YA novels and was nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2016. Along with a degree in English Literature, Alex has over ten years' experience as an editor and mentor for other writers. She has lots of experience of running a range of talks and workshops suitable for KS2 & KS3. Most importantly, she is a passionate advocate of inspiring young writers to develop their individual creative talent and to spread the many joys of storytelling.

As a result of attending the course you will have:

- By the end of the course, you'll have created all the elements that will be recorded in a final story plan to take home. You'll also have some ideas for an opening chapter.
- Certificate of attendance
- Been given advice on their writing by an experienced author
- Had fun!

Students should bring:

- Pencil case
- Notebook
- Water bottle
- Clothing suitable for being outdoors at breaktimes

**Lunch & refreshments are provided. School uniform is not required.
No mobile phones.**