

KITA MITCHELL

Assemblies and Workshops

Kita loves visiting schools. The children usually have a great time, what with the biscuits and quizzes and finding out how to be a writer. It can get noisy, and once there was a riot over the last custard cream, but so far no one has been hurt.

Kita offers the following sessions.

Assembly

45/60 minute talk, followed by 15 minute Q&A and a signing, if required.

Using PowerPoint, Kita explains what it was like to grow up in a house with a thousand books and no TV. She shows examples of her early attempts at publication, and talks about the writers who inspired her. She stresses the importance of ideas, perseverance, not getting it right first time, and biscuits. The talk is fun and interactive, and Kita tailors the session depending on the age of the group and the needs of the school.

Workshops

Kita offers workshops for Year Three and up. These normally run for an hour, and their content can be agreed beforehand. For groups of over twelve children, Kita suggests a teacher or teaching assistant be available to provide additional support. All sessions can be age/ability adapted.

Heroes and Villains. What are the components of a brilliant story? What makes a character interesting? The class talk about their favourite villains, and come up with their own. If time permits, a spot of dressing up may take place.

What's in the Shed? What is a 'hook'? What makes a fantastic beginning? What *IS* in the shed? Kita leads the class through an interactive and gripping story – but they have to write the end themselves. Lots of fun and a chance to share their work as well as biscuits.

I Don't Know What to Write. It's hard to think of a good idea. Kita introduces 'writing prompts', and explains how they work. A quick-fire writing game coupled with the contents of a mystery box gives a wonderful starting point for some creative adventures.

Note: Kita occasionally brings custard creams and fortune cookies to sessions. If you would prefer she did not, please let her know beforehand.

Signings. Kita is happy to provide copies of her books if approximate numbers are sent in advance. Alternatively, the school can liaise with a local bookshop. Kita will need a table to sign at, plus a member of staff to take charge of money and keep the queue in order.

If you have any queries about the visit, or would like to check something, then you can contact Kita at kitamitchellbooks@yahoo.com, or kita@kitamitchell.com