

Author Visits

Kita loves visiting schools and talking to children about writing. She offers the following sessions.

Assembly

A forty-five-minute talk, plus a Q&A followed by a book signing, if required.

Kita 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 to 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 content can be agreed beforehand. For groups of over twelve children, Kita suggests a teacher or teaching assistant be available to provide 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 one of their own. If time permits, a spot of dressing up may take place.

What's in the Shed? 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 Where to Start. 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.

Signings. Kita is happy to bring 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 keep the queue in order.

If you would like to discuss a visit, please email kita@kitamitchell.com