

CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITIES

EYFS Learning Objectives::

- ★ To encourage children to listen, imagine, and begin to read and write themselves.
- ★ Explore using media and materials to represent their own ideas through design, art and stories.
- ★ Understand appropriate behavior in groups and have confidence in their own abilities.

Key Stage 1 Learning Objectives:

- ★ **English Language:** To acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language. Write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences, (reading, reading comprehension, spelling, transcription, composition, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, handwriting).
- ★ **Art & Design:** Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and use the language of art, craft and design. Use a range of materials and drawings to express their ideas and imagination.



1. BOOK-MAKING ACTIVITY

First, read the *Author/Illustrator Creator Information* with the class. Discuss the author and illustrator roles and talk about the steps involved in creating the books. Next, create your own story books.

TIP: use a familiar fairytale as a starting point. You could create a mystery for Sky and Snuffle to solve!

Here is a handy list of steps to use as your guide to the process:

- ★ As a class develop a list of 4–6 characters. Discuss main attributes and characteristics. Discuss the setting.
- ★ Together with the class brainstorm the story plot, making sure it has a problem that is resolved and that the story has a clear beginning, middle and end.
- ★ Divide the class into 2–4 groups. Ask each group to brainstorm the whole story together, using the class discussion as a starting point. They can decide who will write and who will draw.
- ★ The writers write a rough draft of the story, and then together they edit it.
- ★ The illustrators draw rough drawings of the characters and setting, then illustrate the story.
- ★ Design a rough cover with a title and eye-catching main image, then illustrate the cover.
- ★ Make it into a book and share with the other groups!



2. WRITE YOUR AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR BIOGRAPHY

Read the biographies of the author and illustrator of the **SKY PRIVATE EYE** series, featured on the *Author/Illustrator Creator Information* sheets.

- ★ Ask the class to write their own biographies, based on ten cool facts about themselves. Use the 'Write Your Biography' worksheet to help the children get started.
- ★ Take photos of the children to place alongside their biographies (or have them draw each others' portraits!).
- ★ Create a bulletin board display of your class authors and illustrators!