

# RACHEL DELAHAYE - MIDDLE GRADE AUTHOR

Rachel Delahaye is the author of popular middle-grade fiction series *Jim Reaper* and *Mort the Meek* (age 8+) and the *Little Animal Rescue* books (age 6+), as well as other stand-alone titles such as *Day of the Whale* – an eco-thriller.

She is experienced with school groups, large and small, and her assemblies and workshops are interactive, fun and occasionally noisy. She is skilled at bringing out the creative side in the most reluctant learner and providing activities that encourage the children to work and celebrate their achievements together. Making stories, winning medals and going away with heads full of ideas... A session with Rachel is something the class will be talking about for a long time after.



"The children are still talking about the visit weeks later. The children were truly inspired by Rachel and there was a real sense of awe and wonder around her visit."

**Mr Hinkley, Woodthorne Primary, Wolverhampton**

"The assembly was a huge hit and children and staff are still buzzing about it. The workshops were fantastic too. I hope you don't mind if I recommend you to other schools!"

**Paragon School, Bath**

"What a wonderfully inspirational afternoon, but don't take my word for it; this is what one of our Year 5 pupils said: "Rachel Delahaye was the best author visits ever... she released our inner story tellers."

**Miss Cleveland, Librarian, Cannon Park Primary School, Coventry**

## PRICE GUIDE

**Full day** (with any combination of talks/workshops/assemblies) = **£400 + travel**

**Half day** (with any combination) = **£250 + travel**

**Hourly** = **£100 + travel**

**Virtual** = **£50 for half an hour. £85 for one hour.**

Rachel will always do her best to work around budgets, and she keeps travel costs to a minimum by combining visits with others in the vicinity.

**To book or enquire, please contact Rachel directly.**

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For information on Rachel's books, please go to [www.racheldelahaye.com](http://www.racheldelahaye.com)

**Please see next page for details of WORKSHOPS.**

## **ALL-SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

After a noisy and playful introduction, Rachel uses her own story to explain how and why story-telling is in our DNA, why it's important and why anyone can do it. Expect silliness.

## **ANIMAL POWER! KS1**

Rachel will introduce the children to the magic of animals. The children will learn about the words we use to describe habitats and environments, before selecting an interesting animal fact that they can turn into a superpower. Lots of fun.



## **SPARK-A-STORY WORKSHOP KS2**

The aim of this workshop is to illustrate how easy it is to come up with story ideas. And that there's no such thing as 'no imagination'! Rachel will get them building story-lines and creating characters from thin air. This is a light-hearted approach to story creation, but children will come away with lots of tools in their mind-sheds, armed and ready for their next piece of Creative Writing homework!

## **CHARACTER WORKSHOP KS2 – YEAR 8**

Would we care about a story if we felt nothing for the characters in it? Good, bad, kind, selfish, wicked or vulnerable, most characters are complex - a mix of many things – and the more three-dimensional you can make them, the better.

Just like stories, characters need a starting point, a moment in the middle and a satisfying end. Whether your character is an animal, item or personality, we'll take a look at the journey it must embark on to drive your story forward. The children will be building characters: creating back-stories and up-to-date profiles, stress-testing them with exercises and teasing them with games... And by the time we're finished, we should know exactly who we're dealing with!

## **FUNNY BUSINESS KS2 – YEAR 8**

Rachel is known for her dark comedy! She will talk about humour in stories and how it shapes our view of the world and helps us explore the strangest corners of life and fiction.

The children will then be writing and performing their own funny scenes, using everything they've learnt about comedy and adding a little of their own humour, too.



## **IT'S WRITTEN IN THE FUTURE! YEARS 6-8**

A workshop that starts in the present and travels forward in time. We will be looking at books that appear to have predicted the future, before having a go, ourselves! Children will be encouraged play dominoes with actions and consequences and then look at building thrilling stories based on their fictional findings – some fantastical, others frighteningly possible.

## **WRITING FOR GOOD REASON! YEARS 5-8**

We'll be looking at how a story can make a real change, and then we'll be working out how to put into words what matters to us for maximum impact. This is full of fun and playful elements, but ultimately about the power of the word and its effect on the world.

## **SPAG IS FUNNY! (spelling & grammar) KS2**

This new workshop was built on the back of writing *The Daily Joker*. SPAG is the cornerstone of every joke, so what better way to encourage kids to learn it than joke-creation? This educational workshop is a lot of fun. Kids will be writing their own jokes using the basic rules of SPAG, with plenty of tips and tricks to keep it fresh in their minds.

Thank you!