

This Resource Pack serves as an introduction to creative writing, using the fantastic work of **Vashti Harrison, Rick Riordan, Allan Ahlberg, Jacqueline Wilson and Nick Sharratt** as inspiration.

The lessons within this pack are matched to the UK National Curriculum





objectives and provide materials for four lessons, adaptable for pupils from KS1 to KS2 (though suitable for all children between the ages of 5-10).

The final outcome is for your pupils to exercise their creative muscles, using words and drawings to tell their own stories.

The lessons included have been designed as sequential activities and can be taught as whole units or as individual activities.

This resource pack has been designed to complement Puffin's latest Puffin Virtually Live webcast – The Creative Writing Show, set to take place at 2pm on 15 June 2018.

Primary school teachers from all over the UK are invited to tune in and welcome amazing best-selling authors into their classrooms – with top tips, wise words and draw-alongs on offer from Jacqueline Wilson, Nick Sharratt, Alan Ahlberg and Vashti Harrison.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up to create that ultimate WOW moment to end the term and challenge YOUR students to write creatively and get reading over the summer holidays.

Register at **puffinvirtuallylive.co.uk** to watch it with your class.







Rose Rivers is a Victorian teenager who lives in a beautiful house with her artist father, her difficult, fragile mother and her many siblings. She has everything money can buy – beautiful dresses, horse-riding lessons, books – but not the one thing she really wants. Why can't she be sent away to a good school like her twin brother?

Imagine that you are Rose Rivers. Write a letter to your parents explaining your feelings and why you should be allowed to attend a good school like your brother.

Make sure to include plenty of description to bring your letter to life.



Find more Jacqueline Wilson lesson plans at **penguin.co.uk/puffin** For more classroom resources and teaching inspiration visit: **teachersclub.staedtler.co.uk**





'You Choose in Space' allows readers to zoom off for a cosmic adventure where they choose what happens next. Which alien would you most like to be friends with? And what fantastically freaky food will you decide to munch for lunch?

Make your choices as you colour in the alien lunch scene below. Make sure to use plenty of colour to bring your scene to life.



Find more information about 'You Choose in Space' at **penguin.co.uk/puffin** For more classroom resources and teaching inspiration visit: **teachersclub.staedtler.co.uk**





Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, 'Little Leaders' tells the true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.

Sit down in groups of three or four and discuss the following questions.

- Can you think of any historical figures that have inspired you?
- Are there any women in your life who inspire you?
- What makes someone inspiring?



Below are facts about some of the real women included in 'Little Leaders'. Can you write down what each fact tells you about each woman's talents, profession, identity and personality?

Bold Woman	Fact	Talent/ Professions	Identity and personality
Harriet Tubman 1822-1913	Over eleven years she returned to the South in America thirteen times and led more than seventy men, women and children to freedom and safety via the secret system called the Underground Railroad.		
Alma Woodsey Thomas 1891-1978	In 1972, when she was eighty years old, Alma's paintings were exhibited at the Whitney Museum of American Art. This was the first ever solo exhibition of an African American woman artist at one of America's most important art museums.		
Angela Davis 1944–	Angela grew up in racially segregated Birmingham, Alabama, a city at the centre of the fight for civil rights. By the time she was a teenager Angela was already actively involved in the movement.		
Tessa Sanderson 1956–	Tessa's biggest moment came in 1984 when she won a gold medal for Great Britain at the Olympics in Los Angeles. This made her the first black British woman to win any Olympic gold in the heptathlon, and the first black woman to win an Olympic gold.		







'Each Peach Pear Plum' uses rhyming couplets to tell a story of fairy-tale and nursery rhyme characters.

Below is an excerpt from the book with some missing rhymes. Fill in the gaps using the names.

Each Peach Pear Plum I spy	
Mother Hubbard down the cellar I spy	R
Tom Thumb in the cupboard I spy	Names:
Three Bears out Hunting I spy	Cinderella Tom Thumb Three Bears
Cinderella on the stairs I spy	Mother Hubbard Baby Bunting



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In this series, Rick Riordan uses characters from Ancient Greek mythology to cast a spell on his readers, and this novel tells the tale of the formerly glorious god Apollo, who is cast down to earth in punishment by Zeus.

The Ancient Greeks worshipped more than 300 gods, each with their own powers, and these gods have formed an important part of storytelling for centuries.

Use the space below to design your very own Greek god or goddess, before explaining their personality, special ability and interest on the lines provided.



Things to Consider: • What is your character's name? • If they are a god, what do
they rule? (E.g., goddess of the Sea, god of Television, goddess of Reading, etc.)
• What special abilities do they have? (E.g., super speed, ability to control fire, etc.)
 • What weaknesses to they have? (E.g., afraid of water, loses their power on wednesdays, etc.)
• What lesson do they teach us mortals?



Find more information about 'The Trials of Apollo' at **penguin.co.uk/puffin** For more classroom resources and teaching inspiration visit: **teachersclub.staedtler.co.uk** The stars and inspiration for Creative



Jacqueline Wilson

Jacqueline Wilson, the creator of Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather, is a multi-award-winning author and consistent favourite with children and critics. A former Children's Laureate, Jacqueline has won the Guardian Children's Fiction Award and the Children's Book of the Year Award. The CBBC adaptation of The Story of Tracy Beaker is one of the channel's highest-rating shows ever. Jacqueline is a visiting professor of creative writing at Roehampton University and is also their Chancellor and was appointed a Dame for services to children's literature. Born in Bath in 1945, Jacqueline has lived most of her life in Kingstonupon-Thames, Surrey. She has one daughter, two pampered cats and an energetic dog.

Nick Sharratt

Nick Sharratt has written and illustrated many books for children and won numerous awards for his picture books, including the Sheffield Children's Book Award and the 2001 Children's Book Award. He has also enjoyed great success illustrating Jacqueline Wilson books. Nick lives in Edinburgh.





Vashti Harrison

Part author - Illustrator - filmmaker Vashti Harrison is an artist originally from Onley, Virginia. She has a background in cinematography and screenwriting and a love for storytelling. She earned her BA from the University of Virginia with a double major in Media Studies and Studio Art with concentrations in Film and Cinematography. She received her MFA in Film and Video from CalArts where she snuck into Animation classes to learn from Disney and Dreamworks legends. There she rekindled a love for drawing and painting. Now, utilizing both skill sets, she is passionate about crafting beautiful stories in both the film and kidlit worlds.

Allan Ahlberg

Allan Ahlberg, a former teacher, postman, plumber's mate and grave digger, is in the super-league of children's writers. He has published over 100 children's books and, with his late wife Janet, created such award winning picture books as EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM and THE JOLLY POSTMAN - both winners of the Kate Greenaway Medal. He has also written prize-winning poetry and fiction and lives in Sussex.





Rick Riordan

Rick Riordan, dubbed 'storyteller of the gods' by Publishers Weekly, is the author of five New York Times number-one bestselling book series with millions of copies sold throughout the world: Percy Jackson, the Heroes of Olympus and the Trials of Apollo, based on Greek and Roman mythology; the Kane Chronicles, based on Egyptian mythology; and Magnus Chase, based on Norse mythology. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick's first novel featuring the heroic young demigod, won the Red House Children's Book Award and is now a blockbuster film franchise starring Logan Lerman.



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