

PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS



Dear teachers, librarians, readers and dreamers,

**We are so excited that you're joining us for a Puffin Virtual Visit this autumn.
Let the adventure begin!**

Puffin authors will be beaming into classrooms all over the country, so that your pupils can hear from wonderful writers and illustrators and gain a behind-the-scenes look at their books, characters and inspiration for writing.

These Virtual Visits are the perfect opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure in your school, introduce new books and authors and inspire a love of reading in even the most reluctant of readers. Taking part will support pupils' literacy, creative writing and encourage the habit of reading widely and often.

It's so easy to join the fun: just make sure you've registered online, installed Zoom before the event and prepared pupils with a pen and some paper at the ready for any challenges the authors set.

Before the event, you can even submit your pupils' questions for our authors to answer using the submission form on the Puffin Schools website.

We can't wait for you to join us!

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What's included in this pack?

To help you create long-lasting reading memories, we've put together this pack to give you all the information needed on our Autumn Virtual Visits, support pupils during the visit, and prompt further discussion about the authors and books featured.

This pack contains

- Our Virtual Visits Autumn schedule
- A booklist so that you can discover more about the books in this series of Virtual Visits
- A printable 'watch along' page for notes and doodles
- A printable poster to put up in your school to raise awareness for the Visits



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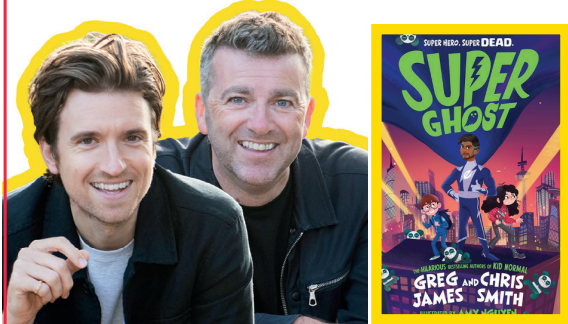
PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS SCHEDULE



Tune in each Friday.
Simply register in advance and install Zoom on your computer.

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

2.00PM



GREG JAMES & CHRIS SMITH

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

10.30AM



ROBIN STEVENS

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

10.30AM



HAYLEY HOSKINS

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

10.00AM



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by tagging
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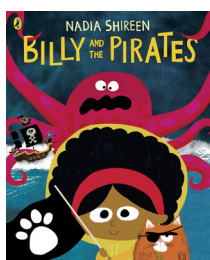
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PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS READING LIST



KS1



Billy And The Pirates

Written & Illustrated by: Nadia Shireen

Genre: picture book

If you like: adventure, pirates

The story: Join Billy and Fatcat on their quest to escape Captain Howl in their third thrilling adventure, filled with singing mermaids and sticky toffee eating sharks. Billy and Fatcat find a mysterious message in a bottle at sea. When suddenly something terrible happens: they bump into a pesky pirate and his smelly crew. Oh no! Fortunately for our courageous twosome, they're no strangers to peril: they always have a trick (or treat) up their sleeves.

KS2/3



The Ministry Of Unladylike Activity

Written by: Robin Stevens

Genre: adventure, fantasy, magical realism

If you like: spies, mystery, history

The story: 1940. Britain is at war, and a secret arm of the British government called the **Ministry of Unladylike Activity** is training up spies. Enter **May Wong**: courageous, stubborn, and desperate to help end the war so that she can go home to Hong Kong (and leave her annoying school, Deepdean, behind forever). May knows that she would make the perfect spy. After all, grown-ups always underestimate children like her. When May and her friend **Eric** are turned away by the Ministry, they take matters into their own hands. Masquerading as evacuees, they travel to Elysium Hall, home to the wealthy Verey family - including snobby, dramatic **Nuala**. They suspect that one of the Vereys is passing information to Germany. If they can prove it, the Ministry will have to take them on. But there are more secrets at Elysium Hall than May or Eric could ever have imagined. **And then someone is murdered...**

KS2



Super Ghost

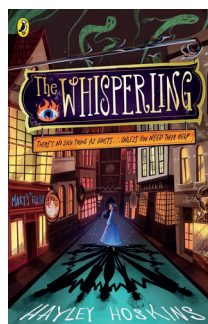
Written by: Greg James and Chris Smith

Illustrated by: Amy Nguyen

Genre: superhero adventure

If you like: Marvel superheroes, Pixar

The story: It's just another day at the office for world-famous superhero Doctor Extraordinary as he battles his arch-nemesis Captain Chaos in yet another epic showdown. Unfortunately this one doesn't quite go to plan and they both get blown up inside a giant robot. Dr Ex's number-one-fan, twelve-year-old Sonny Nelson, is devastated. A world without heroes is totally rubbish! But things take an even more extraordinary turn when Doctor Ex returns as a ghost and only Sonny can see him...



The Whispering

Written by: Hayley Hoskins

Genre: mystery, adventure

If you like: Robin Stevens and ghostly adventures!

The story: A thrilling and mysterious adventure in a dark and dangerous Victorian world perfect for fans of Robin Stevens, Jenni Spangler and Emma Carroll. The year is 1897, and Peggy Devona can speak with ghosts. She hides her gift from those afraid of a girl with such powers, terrified of the secrets the dead could reveal through her. But when her best friend is accused of murdering her rich mistress, Peggy knows only she - a whispering - can save her. Peggy escapes to her uncle's psychic emporium in the city, seeking out new ghosts to help her solve Sally's case. Yet time is running out, and each step towards uncovering the truth also brings Sally one step closer to the gallows...

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WATCH ALONG PAGE

Who was the author/illustrator who virtually visited your school?

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What book did they write?

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What top tips did the author / illustrator share?

1:

2:

3:

Doodle, draw and write - complete your author challenge here

MEMORABLE MOMENT

What was the most memorable thing the author/illustrator said?

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JOIN IN THIS
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7/10
**GREG JAMES &
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2.00 - 2.45pm

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