

PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS



Dear teachers, librarians, readers and dreamers,

We are so excited that you're joining us for a Puffin Virtual Visit this spring. 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.

Books featured in the show are available from all brilliant bookshops.

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 Spring Virtual Visits, support pupils during the visit, and prompt further discussion about the authors and books featured.

This pack contains

- Our Virtual Visits Spring schedule
- A letter to send to parents before the Visits
- 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 hat for your class to design and wear during the visits
- A printable poster to put up in your school to raise awareness for the Visits



PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS SCHEDULE



Simply register for any of our below events in advance and install Zoom on your computer.

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

2.30PM



ABI ELPHINSTONE

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

10.30AM



BETH LINCOLN

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

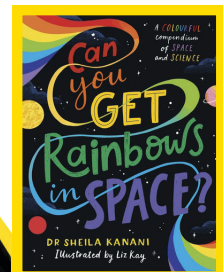
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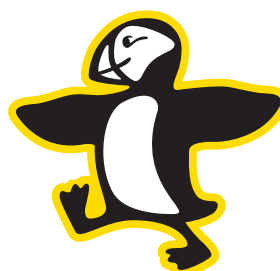
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

10.30AM



DR SHEILA KANANI

Share photos of
your class watching
by tagging
@PuffinBooks
#VirtualVisits





Let your school community know that you've arranged a Puffin Virtual Visit for pupils. Here's some wording you could include in letters or emails home. Fill in the blanks with the details of the event.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are taking part in Puffin's Virtual Visits. Authors will be beaming directly into classrooms across the UK via live Zoom sessions, and we're excited to be taking part and tuning in.

Your child will be attending a Puffin Virtual Visit from,
author of on Friday at
The author will be sharing their creative writing secrets and pupils will have a chance to ask questions.

Often pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit.
If you would like to get a copy of the book you can purchase from xxxx

**Research shows that author events in schools inspire children
and help them on their journey to a love of reading.**

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated.
These are the types of things that people talk about when you
ask them what they remember about school.'

Times Educational Supplement

'Writers visiting schools can make a significant difference to
a child's attitudes to and enjoyment of writing, offering new
perspectives on writing and what it can do.'

The Arts Council



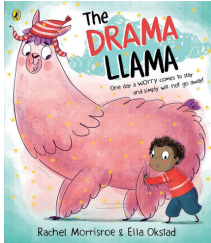
**We hope your child will enjoy this Visit and come away
with a few ideas for stories of their own.**



PUFFIN VIRTUAL VISITS READING LIST



KS1



DRAMA LLAMA

Written by: Rachel Morrisroe

Illustrated by: Ella Okstad

Genre: picture book

If you like: humour, talking about emotions, adventure

The story: Alex Allen, like lots of children, sometimes worried about things - like dancing badly or getting an answer wrong in class. But unlike lots of children, every time he worries a real-life llama appears! And the more Alex worries, the bigger Llama grows... which starts getting him into all sorts of trouble! Will Alex ever learn how to control his worries and get rid of this pesky llama?

KS2



THE SWIFTS

Written by: Beth Lincoln

Genre: murder mystery

If you like: books by Lemony Snicket and Robin Stevens, mystery

The story: On the day they are born, each Swift is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name and a definition, and it is assumed they will grow up to match. Unfortunately, Shenanigan Swift has other ideas. So what if her relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit. Shenanigan grudgingly takes on the case, but more murders, a hidden treasure and an awful lot of suspects make thing seriously complicated. Can Shenanigan catch the killer before the whole household is picked off? And in a Family where definitions are so important, can she learn to define herself?

KS2



SAVING NEVERLAND

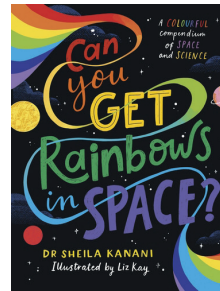
Written by: Abi Elphinstone

Illustrated by: Geraldine Rodriguez

Genre: adventure

If you like: the classic tale of Peter Pan, action, fairy stories

The story: When siblings Martha and Scruff discover a drawer full of **mysterious gold dust** in the bedroom of their new house - along with a window that's seemingly impossible to close - it's the start of an incredible adventure to a magical world: **Neverland!** The Pennydrop's new house used to belong to another family - the Darlings - who once visited this world themselves. Now **Peter Pan** is back, and in need of their help. Neverland is in the icy grip of a terrible curse - cast long ago by **Captain Hook**. And only Martha and Scruff can save it...



Can You Get Rainbows in Space?

Written by: Dr Sheila Kanani

Genre: non-fiction

If you like: science, fun facts

About the book: *Why is blood red? Why are carrots orange? Who invented the lightbulb? Why is the world 'going green'? Is the sky really blue? And what is ultraviolet light?* You'll discover the answers to these questions - and many more - in this incredible collection of scientific facts about colour. We'll talk about light (the most important thing) and waves (not the kind you see at the beach - though you will learn why the sea looks blue!). You'll find out how some animals are able to glow in the dark and how others change their colours to hide from predators. Keep reading to discover why leaves change colour in the autumn, why your veins look blue but your blood is red, and why the language we use shapes the colours we see...

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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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