

SUMMER TERM

PUFFIN

VIRTUAL VISITS



Dear teachers, librarians, readers and dreamers,

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

Puffin

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

This pack contains

- Our Summer Virtual Visits schedule
- A letter to send to parents before the Visits
- A booklist so that you can discover more about the books featured in this series
- 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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SUMMER TERM SCHEDULE

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

 **FRIDAY 26TH MAY**



LEE NEWBERY

FRIDAY 9TH JUNE



NAZNEEN AHMED PATHAK

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE



JB GILL

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE



**NATHAN BRYON
& DAPO ADEOLA**

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE



ED VERE

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



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

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.
online or in-store at your local bookshop.

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

*'Meeting with an author can ignite imagination
and transform life chances and opportunities.'*

OneEducation

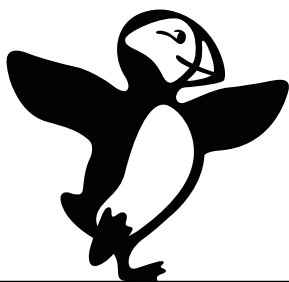
*'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated.
These are the types of things that people talk about when you
ask them what they remember about school.'*

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.**



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SUMMER TERM READING LIST

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SPEAK UP!

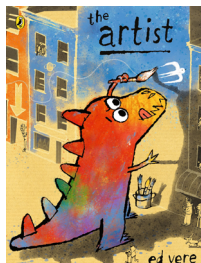
Written by: Nathan Bryon

Illustrated by: Dapo Adedola

Genre: picture book

If you like: inspirational stories, adventure, visiting your local library!

The story: Bookworm Rocket loves to collect new books on her weekly visit to the library, and to read all about inspirational figures like Rosa Parks. She is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down! Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa and speak up to save the day? This empowering, heart-warming picture book is a love letter to libraries and the power of reading. And it shows the incredible power we ALL have when we find our voice and speak up about the things that matter.



THE ARTIST

Written and illustrated by: Ed Vere

Genre: picture book

If you like: art, experimentation and artistic expression

The story: From the award-winning Ed Vere comes a joyful and inspirational celebration of beauty, mistakes and the artist in all of us. One brave little artist goes on one epic adventure to share her art, and in doing so learns that it doesn't matter if you colour outside the lines, that art is full of heart... and that maybe you are an artist too!

What is an artist? Someone who sees beauty... Someone with a mind full of colours, feelings, and ideas... Someone who plays and dreams and makes...

KS2



ACE AND THE ANIMAL HEROES: THE BIG FARM RESCUE

Written by: JB Gill

Illustrated by: Becca Moor

Genre: adventure

If you like: farm animals, magic, Dick King-Smith

The story: When Ace receives a surprise gift from a long-lost relative, he and his amazing grandparents pack up their life in the city and move to the countryside to live on a run-down farm. And there's an even bigger surprise in-store for Ace when he tries on some magical new wellies and realises he can talk to animals! He's going to have to master this new skill to take on the evil Councillor Crabbington, who is determined to shut down the farm! With a little help from Ginger the Pig, some squawkative hens and a new best friend, Ace must find a way to save the farm before Councillor Crabbington gets his hands on it!



CITY OF STOLEN MAGIC

Written by: Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

Genre: fantasy

If you like: history, magical adventure stories

The story: India, 1855. The British rule, and all across the country, Indian magic is being stamped out. More terrifying still, people born with magic are being snatched from their homes. Rumour is that they are being taken across the sea - to England - by the all-powerful, sinister Company. When Chompa's home is attacked and her mother viciously kidnapped, Chompa - born with powerful and dangerous magic that she has always been forbidden from using - must travel to the smoky, bustling streets of East London in search of her. But Chompa will discover far more treachery in London than she had bargained for - and will learn that every act of her rare magic comes with a price...



THE FIRST SHADOWDRAGON

Written by: Lee Newbery

Illustrated by: Laura Catalán

Genre: adventure

If you like: *The Last Firefox*, Pokémon, magical creatures and lands

The story: After defeating the evil Grendilock and saving Cadno, the last firefox, Charlie Challinor is looking forward to a well-earned rest. But when a familiar face appears from the realm of Fargone, Charlie's family is once again swept up into adventure. Along with Lippy, Roo and new magical friend Blodyn, Charlie must travel to Fargone to face the dreaded Draig, the shadowy monster that is slowly draining the life from the land - and uncover the lost secret that links Draig's history to Charlie's own...

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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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