

**AUTUMN 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 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 Autumn 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



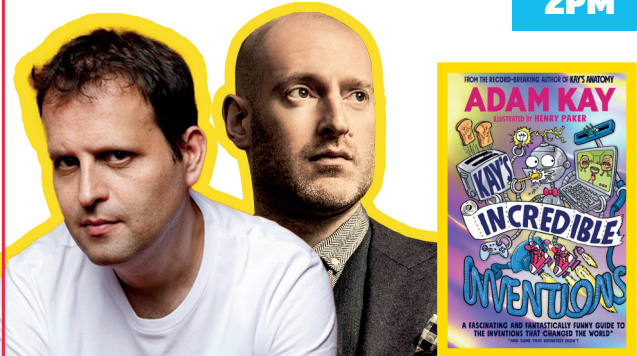


## AUTUMN TERM SCHEDULE

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

**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**2PM**



**ADAM KAY & HENRY PAKER**

**FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

**1:30PM**



**JAMIE LITTLER**

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

**FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

**2PM**



**VASHTI HARRISON**

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

**10AM**



**NICK SHARRATT &  
PIPPA GOODHART**

**Festive  
Special!**



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. If you would like to get a copy of the book you can purchase 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.'*

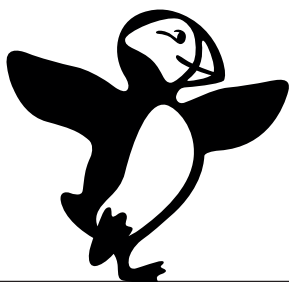
*OneEducation*

*'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*



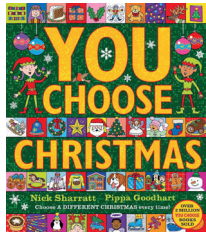
**We hope your child will enjoy this visit and come away with a few ideas for stories of their own.**



## AUTUMN TERM READING LIST



### KS1



#### YOU CHOOSE CHRISTMAS

**Written by:** Pippa Goodhart  
**Illustrated by:** Nick Sharratt  
**Genre:** picture book  
**If you like:** adventure, writing your own stories

**The story:** Make up your own Christmas adventure where **YOU CHOOSE** what happens. Which Christmas jumper would you like to wear? Which job would you choose to do in Santa's workshop? Where would you like to sleep on Christmas Eve? The possibilities are infinite in this magical storytelling toolkit which will inspire children age 3 and upwards to make their own stories again and again.

### KS1/2



#### BIG

**Written and illustrated by:** Vashti Harrison  
**Genre:** picture book  
**If you like:** beautiful illustrations, emotional stories

**The story:** *Once there was a girl with a big laugh and a big heart and very big dreams. She grew and grew and grew. And it was good... until it wasn't.* When the girl grows big, the world begins to make her feel small. She feels out of place and invisible, and soon she isn't herself at all. But with the girl's size comes huge inner strength - and this helps her look past the hurtful words to see how perfect she really is. This quietly reassuring story explores the experience of being big in a world that celebrates small, promoting body positivity and self-acceptance in young readers.

### KS2



#### KAY'S INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS

**Written by:** Adam Kay  
**Illustrated by:** Henry Paker  
**Genre:** non-fiction  
**If you like:** science, fun (and sometimes disgusting!) facts

**The story:** Do you ever wonder where the stuff around you all came from? No, not from the shops. I mean, who had the amazing idea of making video games or the annoying idea of building a school? In the latest laugh-out-loud book from the record-breaking and extremely handsome Adam Kay and Henry Paker, you'll learn about everything ever invented, from the daft to the disgusting to the downright dangerous. You'll discover all about:

- The queen who pooped on the first ever toilet
  - How velcro was invented by a dog
  - Why the Ancient Greeks wiped their bums on dinner plates
- As well as 48,762,851,208 other facts. (Approximately.)



#### ARKSPIRE

**Written and illustrated by:** Jamie Littler  
**Genre:** fantasy  
**If you like:** magical adventure stories

**The story:** Arkspire is a city obsessed by magic. The five Arcanists - a group of all-powerful magicians - have protected the great city for as long as anyone can remember. Within the hustle and bustle of these cobbled streets lives Juniper Bell, a thief who'd do anything for her family - even her unbelievably annoying sister, Elodie. Then one night, something incredible happens. A mysterious stolen relic (nothing to do with Juni, ahem...) explodes, revealing a mysterious creature, Cinder - who appears to 'bond' with Juni. The only creatures like that are allegedly dangerous enemies of the Arcanists... and it's not long before they turn their attention to Juni. Soon Juni, Cinder and everyone she loves are pulled into an extraordinary world of magic, power and prestige - but also grave danger. It seems the world Juni thought she knew is nothing but a lie - and now only Juniper and Cinder can bring it down.



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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?



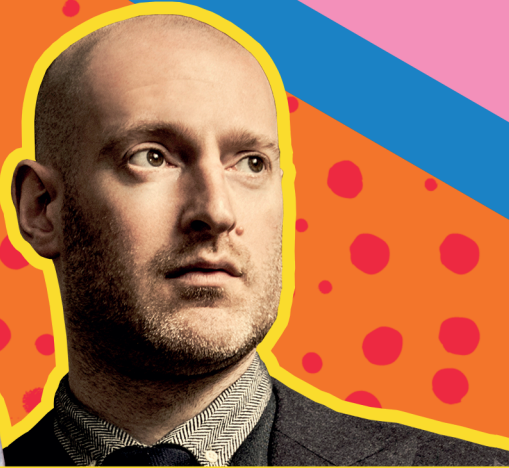
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