

Mariella Mystery Investigates



CALLING ALL YOUNG SUPER SLEUTHS ...

A chance for children to experience a **TOTALLY MYSTERIOUS*** school visit from author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst.

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Kate's not-so-secret mission when visiting schools is to inspire a love of reading for pleasure, to spark imaginations and to use illustration as a playful route into creative writing.

***TOTALLY MYSTERIOUS** is a catchphrase used by inspirational Young Super Sleuth Mariella Mystery.

Mariella Mystery Investigates: The Case of the Ghostly Guinea Pig, A Cupcake Conundrum, The Huge Hair Scare, The Curse of the Pampered Poodle and The Spaghetti Yeti.
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TOP SECRET AND TOTALLY MYSTERIOUS School Visit Sessions

MARIELLA MYSTERY, INTERNATIONAL MYSTERY SOLVER: school Assemblies 45 MINUTES - 1 hour

A great way to build excitement is to begin with this interactive session for large groups.

Children will gain an insight into how Kate creates her books, see some top secret initial sketches for Mariella and to contribute ideas in a live drawing show. Hilarious props and top tips on writing a funny mystery story. Plus ask Kate all the things you've ever wanted to know about being an author and illustrator.

STORY PLANNING: BOOK JACKET DESIGN, CLASSROOM BASED 1-2 HOURS

Learners will design the book cover for their own mystery story, starting first with a catchy and funny title. From there they will create their cast of characters and illustrate clues hinting at what will happen in their stories.

The book covers can be used as an illustrated story plan for writing a short story either during the session (half day needed to write as well as illustrate) or by the class teacher at a later date.

CHARACTER DESIGN: SUSPICIOUS SUSPECTS, CLASSROOM BASED 1-2 HOURS

In depth investigations into the types of character found in a mystery story. Learn how to illustrate truly villainous rogues, spooky supernatural creatures and the not-so-innocent lady living next door. Children will become detectives, creating annotated and illustrated surveillance case files.

MAKING MINI BOOKS: CASE FILE CONUNDRUM, CLASSROOM BASED 1-2 HOURS

Use Mariella's Mystery Kit to explore a baffling selection of clues – what do they tell us? Do we have enough concrete evidence to solve this case? Children will build their own illustrated and annotated detectives case file, complete with evidence bags and polaroid photos to piece the clues together.

All sessions are structured to scaffold the development of children's creative thinking, writing and drawing skills. They also offer transferable, adaptable techniques for teachers to use to in future creative writing and literacy lessons.

