

In-school and online
sessions 2025/26

THE **STORY** MUSEUM



STORY SUITCASE EXPERIENCE

A Story Museum Story Leader visits your school for a day, bearing a mysterious battered suitcase that has travelled to many mystical story lands! The Story Suitcase contains a mesmerising selection of multisensory souvenirs from a themed story world (see options to the right) which bring the story to life. There will also be time for role play and story making sessions afterwards!

Along with the experience we will provide pre- and post- session resources for teachers to keep, containing activity and lesson plan ideas designed to evoke creative responses and emotional connections to your chosen story.

Length: up to 4 one-hour sessions (taking place between 9:30 and 15:00)

Cost: £495+VAT per day (plus travel expenses if outside Oxford)

Note: Available to schools in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.

Choose from the following suitcase themes:

- **Amazon Rainforest:** explore the Rainforest through the traditional oral story, 'The Tree of Life'. Perfect for studying alongside climate change, the environment, kindness and sharing.
- **Narnia:** step through the wardrobe and immerse your class in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis with exciting sights and smells.
- **Grimms' Tales:** take a journey into four classic tales from the Brothers Grimm, including: Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, The Musicians of Bremen, The Wolf and the Seven Young Kids.
- **Tales of Anansi:** embark on an exciting journey to West Africa with the clever trickster Anansi. Perfect for enriching classwork on Ghana and the Caribbean, exploring themes of wisdom, and developing creative problem-solving skills.



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IN-SCHOOL STORYTELLING

Have a Story Museum Story Leader visit your school to tell traditional oral stories from around the world for a whole day. They will use these stories as a stimulus for students to create their own stories through collaborative, drama-based activities. (See list of options to the right.)

You are able to decide how many classes you wish to involve and can structure the day's agenda around your school's timetable. For example, the Story Leader could spend two hours with one class, developing a story with students, or they could rotate classes with quickfire 30-minute story sessions. For EYFS, we recommend sessions are no longer than 30 minutes.

We can offer in-school sessions to schools situated in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire. Sessions can take place between 09:30 and 15:00.

Costs:

Full Day £435+VAT (plus travel expenses for schools outside Oxford)

*"The session stimulated imaginative thinking and encouraged children to invent their own stories, characters and worlds."
- Year 5 teacher, May 2025*

*"Each time The Story Museum have visited, the children have listened and engaged in sessions beautifully. It has been amazing to watch how the children are able to participate in retelling a story after only hearing once before."
- Teacher at SEND specialist school, March 2024*

STORYTELLING SESSIONS

- **Dreamers:** Stories for wellbeing, of wishes and dreams, including a turtle who wants to fly and a monkey who yearns for honey.
- **Healers:** Stories for wellbeing, starring various Wise Ones who encourage hapless characters to see happiness and luck right in front of them. Stories will explore the 5 ways to Wellbeing (connect, take notice, stay active, keep learning, give).
- **Tricksters:** Stories for critical thinking. Devise puzzles, learn how to trick a dragon or overcome a crocodile.
- **Shape-Shifters:** Stories for critical thinking. Meet some shape-shifting characters and find out how animals came to be, why Koalas love climbing trees and why frogs have no tails.
- **Bespoke:** We are happy to shape the content of the sessions to the themes of your creative curriculum, set text or scheme of work. Previous successful requests include a day of Dragon stories, Alice in Wonderland, stories from Ancient Egypt and Tales from Shakespeare.



ONLINE SESSIONS

One of our Story Museum Story Leaders can join your school virtually - they will begin by telling two stories and will then set a story making task with accompanying resources. At the end of the lesson, day or week they will meet the class again to hear the students' creations and tell a final story.

Choose from Dreamers, Healers, Tricksters or Shapeshifters as described on the right, or request a specific theme relevant to your class.

All sessions can be adapted for Year 1 through to Year 6. We are able to meet 4 classes per day with each session lasting 30 minutes. For EYFS we recommend 15-20 minute sessions with no second session. These can be added as complimentary to the costs below.

Costs:

One class:	£95+VAT
Two classes:	£120+VAT
Three classes:	£135+VAT
Four classes:	£145+VAT

"Each teacher said how engaged their children were with your storytelling – some were hanging off your every word! Your use of props inspired some children to incorporate them into their stories.

There was great discussion around the characters and what they might be up to, particularly the ones around how animals came to have certain characteristics. We couldn't find anything to improve on!"

- Teacher, Zoom session,
March 2021

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