

School visits 2023/24

THE **STORY** MUSEUM



Exploring Narnia within the Enchanted Library

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Curriculum links include:

- Literacy
- English Literature
- PSHE
- Spiritual, moral, social & cultural development
- Local and world history
- Human and physical geography

"It was the most magical and wonderful day. Our children had the best time and the Year 4 team left so inspired for our next term of learning... The session leader was absolutely brilliant and the children loved her. She kept them engaged all day, they were so motivated and their imaginations were set on fire."

*Deputy Head Teacher, March 2023*

**Get in touch with our Learning Team**  
**([learning@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:learning@storymuseum.org.uk) / 01865 790050) to arrange your school trip and secure your session.**



Stories in the Whispering Wood

## OPTION 1: SMALL WORLDS

A story session held in The Story Museum's Small Worlds gallery, with a mixture of structured story making and free play.

**Suitable for:** Nursery, EYFS and Year 1  
**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, depending on the Small Worlds session selected  
**Length of session:** 2 hours  
**Session times:** 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30  
**Cost:** £200+VAT per class of up to 35 students

### NURSERY: STORY PIC 'N' MIX

Students enter our Small Worlds gallery to explore the range of worlds and activities and choose their favourites. The session includes a mixture of structured oral story time and songs, as well as free play in the different environments, craft and messy play.

**Outcome:** a craft or learned song or story

### EYFS & YEAR 1: STORY PLAY

Students enter our Small Worlds gallery for stories on our big bed and in our magical space-themed night safe. They create their own mini story landscapes and imagine the episodes that could unfold within their enchanting new world.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation

## OPTION 2: GALLERIES VISIT AND STORY SESSION

An hour exploring The Story Museum's immersive Galleries, followed by an hour-long themed literacy session chosen from the following options:

**Suitable for:** Years 1 - 13, depending on the literacy session selected.

**Length of session:** 2 hours

**Session times:** 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30

**Cost:** £200+VAT per class of up to 35 students

### YEARS 1-3: STORY PORRIDGE

Students will join in with participatory retellings of traditional folk and fairy tales, and learn to retell the story in groups. They will use the classic device of the Rule of 3 to create their own story.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation

### YEARS 1-3: STORY TRICKSTERS

Students are introduced to oral stories that star the classic character of the Trickster, such as Anansi the Spider and Reynard the Fox, before creating and retelling their own versions.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

### YEARS 2-5: MINIBEAST ADVENTURE

This brand new session is available until Easter 2024 to complement our temporary exhibition, Brilli-ANT, which explores ways to tackle climate change. After looking at imaginative examples such as Lewis Carroll's Rocking Horse Fly and Bread-and-Butter Fly, students will work in groups to invent their own marvellous minibeast character, whose special superpowers will combat climate change against the forces working against them.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

## YEARS 2-7: STORY PORTALS

Students explore portals used in classic stories featured in the Enchanted Library, from the Rabbit Hole down into Wonderland to the Wardrobe through to Narnia. Students then create their own magical portal between two worlds, using a wealth of materials to stimulate the beginning of an enchanting story, including the beautiful mini worlds displayed in cabinets in the Magic Common Room.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

## YEARS 3-7: FANTASY MAP MISSION

Students will encounter the classic structure of the Quest story, and explore maps and plans found in many popular children's stories such as Tolkien's Middle Earth, C S Lewis' Narnia and A A Milne's Hundred Acre Wood. Students will be transported into different fantasy worlds before creating their own maps to support story writing.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

## YEARS 4-8: YOUNG STORYTELLERS

Students listen and join in with traditional oral stories from around the world and then create their own version using the key elements of story - character, setting, theme and plot structure.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation, written draft if requested

## YEARS 5-13: WRITE AT THE STORY MUSEUM

The Story Museum's evocative settings provide the perfect space to give your students' writing experience a lift. Guided by our Learning Team, made up of experienced primary and secondary teachers, your students will explore the Museum's story-based environments with a view to inspiring new pieces of writing with a focus on vocabulary and metaphorical language.

**Outcomes:** speaking and listening presentation, writing draft

## YEARS 5-13: MUSEUM MAKER

A revitalising approach to your own class set text. The students will explore The Story Museum's curation process and then design an immersive narrative environment based on close reading and analysis. Please let us know in advance the text you would like us to base the session on; if you have no preference, we will use *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Past bespoke sessions have included Betsy Byars' *The Midnight Fox*, Michelle Magorian's *Goodnight Mr Tom*, James Dashner's *The Maze Runner*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, and Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.

**Outcome:** speaking and listening presentation; illustrated and annotated design using quotations



Returning from a city story walk

### OPTION 3: CITY STORY WALK

Our Learning Team will lead your group to iconic sites around the city of Oxford featuring some of fiction's greatest moments. Select your chosen story below.

#### YEAR 2-4: ALICE STORY WALK

#### YEARS 2-4: NARNIA STORY WALK

#### YEARS 4-ADULT: WONDER WALK

Take a story-themed walk through Oxford to see the places in the city that inspired its most famous fantasy writers.

**Suitable for:** Years 2-13

**Length of session:** 2 hours

**Session times:** 10:00 – 12:00 or 12:30-14:30

**Cost:** £200+VAT per class of up to 35 students

Come on a walk through the story of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. We'll begin at The Story Museum, then walk along to Christ Church Meadow, the location of many sites that inspired Lewis Carroll. As your Story Leader retells the story, we'll have a Caucus Race, a Caterpillar Contest, a game of 'Red Queen Says', and fun with riddles and charades along the way.

Come on a walk through the story of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* with our Story Leader. We'll begin at The Story Museum, and walk towards the grounds of Oxford Castle, the perfect setting for a retelling of the dramatic events at the White Witch's Palace.

From the Narnia lamppost and Alice's gate to the spires and rooftops of Oxford...the Wonder Walk route features stunning locations including the Radcliffe Camera and Christ Church, with a few dragons along the way! The walk features authors past and present who have been inspired by Oxford in some way: Kieran Millwood Hargrave (*The Girl of Ink and Stars*), C S Lewis (the *Narnia* series), J R R Tolkien (*The Hobbit*), Lewis Carroll (*Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland*), Philip Pullman (*Northern Lights* trilogy), Katherine Rundell (*Rooftoppers*) and Patience Agbabi (*The Infinite*).

During the walk your students will learn key facts about the writers' lives and how simply observing the world can lead to ideas for classic fiction. Your students will also play the stories through a variety of multi-sensory games and storytelling.

## OPTION 4: GALLERY VISIT or CITY STORY WALK WITH CITY OF STORIES FILM

For only an extra £30 for your whole class, why not board our Story Craft for a short film flying through a thousand years of Oxford's story history - the perfect way to provide context for your visit

Choose from either Option 2 (Gallery visit) **or** Option 3 (City Story Walk) and add on our City of Stories Film.

**Suitable for:** Years 2-13

**Length of session:** 2 hours, 30 minutes

**Session times:** 10:00 – 14:00

**Cost:** £230+VAT per class of up to 35 students

## OPTION 5: DAY OF DELIGHT

Select your literacy session from Option 2 and chosen city story walk from Option 3 and enjoy an extended visit to The Story Museum.

Includes a Gallery visit, literacy session, and City Story Walk.

**Suitable for:** Years 2-13

**Length of session:** 4 hours (including 30 minute lunch break)

**Session times:** 10:00 – 14:30

**Cost:** £300+VAT per class of up to 35 students

## OPTION 6: DAY OF EXTRAORDINARY DELIGHT

Select your literacy session from Option 2 and chosen city story walk from Option 3 and add on a visit to the Museum's City of Stories film experience for a whole day at The Story Museum.

Includes a Gallery visit, literacy session, City Story Walk AND City of Stories film experience. Whew!

**Suitable for:** Years 2-13

**Length of session:** 5 hours (including 30 minute lunch break)

**Session times:** 09:30-14:30 or 10:00-15:00

**Cost:** £330+VAT per class of up to 35 students