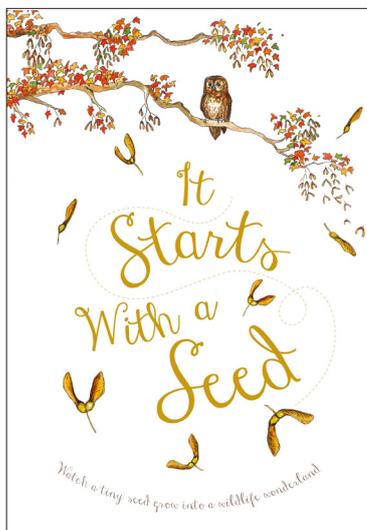


Exploring Non-fiction through Poetry and Picture Books

Workshops with children's author Laura Knowles



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What can I offer your school?

I offer a workshop based on my picture book *It Starts with a Seed*, UKLA Book award finalist and winner of the Margaret Mallett Award for Children's Non-fiction.

Through gentle rhyme, *It Starts with a Seed* follows the growth of a tiny sycamore seed into a mature tree. Workshops explore creative non-fiction writing through poetry and expressive prose, based on the themes of nature, growth, life cycles and seasons. We will also learn about how text and illustrations work together. Where possible, a portion of my workshop will take place near a tree in the school grounds.

Workshops can be tailored to your chosen year group, from Reception through to Year 3. I can work with a full class or smaller groups. I recommend a half-day session per class.

How will your pupils benefit?

My aim is that pupils will be inspired and gain satisfaction and confidence from seeing their own creative work in book form. They will explore expressive writing and practise techniques such as rhyme, rhythm, assonance, alliteration, metaphor, simile and poem structure. Pupils will cover key curriculum science & nature topics in a creative way, forging connections between curriculum subjects.

*“My favourite activity was when we described the trees
and thought how it would feel if I was a tree...”*

workshop attendee

Who am I?

I am a London-based author of lyrical non-fiction picture books with a focus on the natural world. I am passionate about inspiring children's interest in the world around them and widening their understanding of non-fiction as more than just information texts. I believe that picture books can be used in the classroom as a launchpad for more connected and satisfying cross-curricular study.

If you are interested in arranging a workshop, please email me to discuss your requirements. I would also be happy to arrange a phone call to talk through possibilities. As a guide, my standard fees are £150/half day and £250/full day.

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