



Storytelling Schools Accreditation Scheme

In order to be accredited as a Storytelling School you need to demonstrate that you have adopted a systematic storytelling curriculum in your school including:

- a defined set of fiction stories which are retold from memory by all students, normally six stories per year, per class
- evidence of systematic linking across the school of those stories to literacy teaching.

In order to do this please submit the following data:

1. A short document (maximum 1 page of A4) outlining your school's history and experience as a Storytelling School including when you became a Storytelling School and a summary of how storytelling is linked to the teaching of language and topic content.
2. Describe (maximum one A4 page) your view of the benefits so far of the approach for your school, including any data / evidence where it is available.
3. A copy of your storytelling curriculum (sometimes called long term plan) listing the stories to be learned orally (and non-fiction pieces where they are learned orally) for each year group in the current school year. Include any links to topics, genre, plot type, non-fiction text type and narrative goal where this is explicit.
4. Choose a recent term in your current year and collect from each class teacher the following data:
 - an audio or video clip of one or more children telling a story from memory
 - a copy of a child's book showing various pieces of writing linked to the story, and any other documentation of learning activities related to the story (mapping, stepping, deepening)
 - where non-fiction is taught using storytelling include the same for the non-fiction teaching in that term: i.e. an audio or video clip of one or more children telling a non-fiction piece from memory and a copy of work produced based on that telling
 - a summary of the telling, deepening, innovation, invention, shared writing and independent writing activities conducted in that term.



5. Please submit this data to us by post to:

Storytelling Schools Accreditation
34 Campbell Road
Oxford
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6. If possible please obtain permission from parents to use their child's data anonymously on our website (so others can learn from your experience) and send us a copy of that agreement.
7. Please attach a fee of £175 + VAT to cover the cost of the scheme.
8. Assuming all this evidence is satisfactory we will send you an accreditation certificate and a digital version of our logo for your use in the school, valid for three years from date of issue. You will then be listed on our website as an accredited storytelling school.

