

Professional Development and Training

Supporting the teaching and planning of reading for pleasure in schools and other educational settings

Building a school culture of reading for pleasure (1.5 hrs- £100)

This interactive workshop for teachers and support staff will:

- Encourage participants to reflect on the definition of reading for pleasure and how we measure it
- Facilitate open discussion around how your school currently approaches the teaching and learning of reading for pleasure
- Highlight the importance of reading for pleasure on both children's attainment and future success and wellbeing through an exploration of recent academic research
- Emphasise the important role that teachers and support staff play in inspiring children to read for pleasure
- Support participants to reflect on how their personal experiences of and attitudes towards reading can impact the teaching and learning of reading for pleasure
- Present tried and tested tips and tricks for boosting reading for pleasure in your school

How to use Aidan Chambers' *Tell Me...* approach to boost booktalk (1.5 hrs- £100)

This interactive workshop for teachers and support staff will:

- Encourage open discussion around how your school currently approaches booktalk
- Introduce participants to Aidan Chamber's approach to children's booktalk as outlined in his book *Tell Me: Children, Reading and Talk with The Reading Environment* (Thimble Press, 2011)
- Facilitate an example booktalk session where participants have the opportunity to engage with their own personal responses to a text (provided)
- Support participants to reflect on how Aidan Chamber's approach might inform their teaching practice going forwards

Reading Aloud (1 hr- £85)

This interactive workshop for teachers and support staff will:

- Facilitate open discussion around how your school currently approaches reading aloud
- Explore the benefits of reading aloud
- Highlight the key dramatic skills required for reading aloud in an engaging and impactful way
- Support participants to reflect on their personal experiences of and attitudes towards reading aloud
- Provide participants with opportunities to practice reading aloud in pairs and small groups and receive peer-to-peer feedback

Parents/Carers Session (1 hr- £85)

This interactive information session for parents and carers will explore:

- The benefits of reading for pleasure for children
- How to support children to read for pleasure at home
- An overview of current high-quality books for different age ranges and where to find more recommendations

If your school would like to book all four sessions as a package, you can do so for the discounted price of £300.

If you are in a small school, please do get in touch as I can be flexible with my pricing and offer across all CPD and packages listed dependent on your needs.

If you'd like to arrange a chat or book any of these sessions, please email hello@beccismith.co.uk