

MAUDIE SMITH - EVENTS

As a performer with years of theatre experience, I like to make my events dramatic and fun. Here is an idea of what I can offer. Do feel free to ask me about tailored events too. Please email me for further information regarding dates and fees maudie@maudiesmith.co.uk
For more information about me and my books please visit www.maudiesmith.co.uk

TALKS

Welcome to the writing world of Maudie Smith



I offer a one hour talk for which I will require a laptop and Powerpoint facility. This is an entertaining and interactive talk which aims to:

- fire children up about books in general,
- introduce them to my work, my stories, and the life of a writer,
- inspire and encourage them to see themselves as creative with the potential to be writers too.

The talk usually focuses on *Opal Moonbaby* books and *The Cake, the Wolf and the Witch*, and includes some dressing up and role play, and a bit of a quiz.

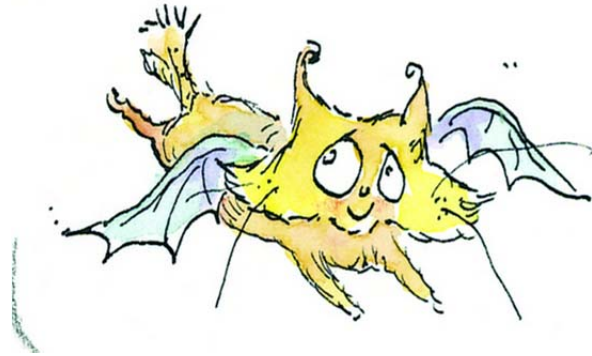
There will be plenty of time for questions. This talk can be tailored for KS2 or KS1. If necessary it can be adapted to cover both age groups at once.

If I can drive to you, I will bring my enormous cake (above)

WORKSHOPS

Mingle-making – KS2

I use extracts from my *Opal Moonbaby* books and ask children to develop their own fantastical mixed-up animal characters. This is done through dressing up and drawing. The children will get to know their characters and consider what it might be like if they suddenly appeared in their own lives. This is a workshop which can be extended, or for which I can provide follow-ups for children to continue with their story building after my visit.



Making a story cake – KS2



Using *The Cake, the Wolf and the Witch*, we remind ourselves of fairy tale characters, finding out which ones we didn't understand, the more minor ones, or just ones we would like to know more about. We discuss the ingredients needed to make a story. Each participant will come away with their own paper cupcake case, filled not with eggs, butter, flour and baking powder, but with characters, events, environment and the all important 'story starters'.



Where do stories come from? – KS1/2



An inspiring story-starter workshop, for KS1/2 in which we look at sample stories and examine where stories come from in the first place – memories, objects, photographs, sayings. Using interesting photos to inspire them, children begin a story of their own.



Seaside – KS1/Reception



This workshop for Reception and Year 1 children may also be adapted for pre-schoolers.

It is based around my picture book, *Milly and the Mermaids*. We will sing seaside songs, collect a bag of useful things for the beach, create a 'sea scape' using sounds and materials, and imagine the undersea world. And we will read and discuss the story, and the seashell which inspired it. I also suggest a craft activity to follow up on my visit.

This workshop works well in schools but is also ideal for both bookshop and library story time events.