

# Comics and Illustration workshops with author/illustrator, Emily Fella

I design my comics and illustration workshops to tie in with curriculum topics of your choice. The sessions have the power to engage pupils with writing, character creation and drawing in addition to their current topic.

- Age range KS1-3
- Suitable for schools, SEND settings and other arts & cultural settings.
- See below for testimonials and client list.

## Themes

Go for a general 'comics' or 'picture book' theme, or ask me to create workshops to tie in with your current topics. Examples of the kinds of themes that work well are space, heroes and villains, robots, myths and legends, Ancient Greece/Egypt/Rome, Kings & Queens, Tudors, Stone Age, Chinese New Year, India, Aztecs, Aesop's Fables, dragons, fairy tales, diary, fashion/costume, Black History Month, World Book Day and Non-fiction November.

## Comics Workshops

- We look at examples of inspirational comics and graphic novels.
- The group learn to draw a character step-by-step following my example.
- I take them through the fundamentals of character creation on a PowerPoint, then they create original characters.
- After some brainstorming the group create comic strips. This can be done at a later date due to time restrictions, and I provide teachers with guidance notes.
- I offer support, encouragement and tips throughout the session.

## Picture Book Workshops

- These can be based on a picture book the group are already studying.
- Using a PowerPoint presentation, I show the children how I create picture books, from storyboard to rough drawings to finished page.
- We look at picture book examples to demonstrate simplicity of text and line, and fun use of the picture book format.
- We brainstorm for ideas then create original characters.
- After more discussion we create a picture book storyboard.
- As an option the group can start work on a picture book with a pre-made template.

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## Online Sessions to Your Classroom/Home Learning Pupils

- I've recently worked with Spring Grove School, Hackney Libraries and Museum of the Home to deliver online workshops through Google Meet and Zoom.
- Your meeting software enables me to deliver sessions to your classrooms and home learning pupils.
- You can choose your workshop type and theme as usual.
- The workshop plan, guidance for teachers and printable resources are emailed in advance.
- Fee is £350 per day which can include four workshops. For short sessions on multiple days, please enquire for a price.

## Artsmark and the Arts Award

Please find out about my provision for Artsmark schools [here](#). I'm also an [Arts Award supporter](#) and a trained Arts Award Adviser and can adapt sessions to support your programme.

## What's provided?

- I include printable resources such as planning and evaluation sheets for pupils, comic templates and guidance notes for teachers.
- I provide black fine line pens, HB pencils, rubbers and colours.
- I usually require PowerPoint facilities, a flipchart and plenty of A4 paper.
- I am CRB checked and registered with the DBS Update Service.
- Pricing information is available on request. A discounted rate is applied for full day bookings, which can include four sessions with different year groups and topics. Please contact me on 07845 394636 or [info@emilyfella.co.uk](mailto:info@emilyfella.co.uk)

## Testimonials

'The workshop was absolutely lovely! The children loved it and it was wonderful to see their own personalities shine through in what they created. Thank you so much! 😊'

'The session was brilliant. The children loved it and were so enthused – they have been longing to carry on with their illustrations ever since the workshop! They really enjoyed being able to create their own characters and Emily led the workshop extremely well. She gave them starting points but then allowed them to be creative with their own ideas.'

*Teachers at St. Peter's C.E. Primary School, Hammersmith, London*

Poverest Primary School had the fantastic opportunity of having Emily with us for a week where she taught our children the art of creating comic strips. She guided and supported the children through the process using resources which we were given before the workshops commenced. These resources were clear and concise giving us, the teachers, plenty of material to work with so that the children were fully prepared for their

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workshops. Emily adapted the workshops to suit the age and ability of the class. We were impressed with how she delivered the workshops and her skills and knowledge she brought to the classroom. We would highly recommend Emily and she is returning next year to work with us again. *Elisa Irwin, Poverest Primary School, St Mary Cray, Kent*

Loved it – awesome lesson. *Mike Pile, Year 5 Teacher, Wingham Primary School, Canterbury*

Emily was a fantastic workshop leader, delivering creative drawing sessions over Google Meet during the Summer. She provided lots of support and encouragement to the young people throughout the project and they loved seeing her portfolio and hearing about her creative process. Emily was very organised and prepared great resources for the sessions. *Emma Chiplin, Creative Learning Officer (SEND), Museum of the Home, London*

Many thanks, once again, for helping in our Super Hero ArtsWeek at Spring Grove. Your workshops were well planned, suitable for all age ranges and delivered calmly and professionally. The children were able to follow your instructions and demonstrations perfectly and were keen to work on their comic strips after your sessions had finished. Your workshops were delivered to children at both school and at home via Google Meet due to our current Covid-19 situation without issue. The resulting work surpassed expectations and was due to you being inspirational - which was just what I was hoping for! I hope to work with Years 3 and 4 over the next two weeks to complete their Arts Award at Discover level, using the assembly interview you gave and the ideas that stemmed from their workshops. I would be more than happy to be contacted by other schools in respect of supplying a reference for your excellent schools' workshops. *Clare Drury, Art Co-ordinator, Spring Grove School, Wye*

Thank you SO much for the session today. The children in my class loved it and are very keen to get their comic strips done! I thought you had a lovely manner with the children and they were brilliantly engaged in drawing this afternoon. *Ben Smith, Director of Sport, Spring Grove School, Wye*

I just wanted to say a big thank you from myself and Year 5 for your amazing workshop today. The children absolutely loved it, so much so that some of them asked to stay inside to continue their work at break! We all learnt lots and the children are looking forward to using these skills in upcoming lessons this week. *Grace Stone, Prep 5 Class teacher, Spring Grove School, Wye*

Emily delivered two picture book workshops to our KS1 children. She kept the children fully engaged throughout and every one of them was able to create a character for a picture book. AT KS2, she taught comic strip workshops and, once again, our children participated enthusiastically and produced some great work. Afterwards, our children were keen to spend more time on their creations and were pleased with their achievements. Thank you, Emily! *Zoe Fraser, Teacher, Wingham Primary School, Canterbury*

A really engaging session - the children loved it and produced some really high quality art work! Thank you so much Emily! *Sinead Costello, Teacher, Fleet Primary School, Hampstead.*

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Emily was very inspiring! All the kids enjoyed attending the workshop and really understood the technique to work on their own. Brilliant! *Silvana Altamore, Arts and Events organiser & Manager of Crofton Park Community Library.*

What I really enjoyed was the level of challenge that followed the introductory task. Everyone was fully engaged and seemed to gain confidence as the session progressed. There was a very happy, industrious atmosphere in the room. *Naomi James, Teacher, Old Palace Preparatory School, Croydon.*

Emily engaged all of the children and kept them entertained. She helped the children expand their ideas. She also boosted their confidence by complimenting their work. Thank you! *Emily Whitehead, Teacher & SENCO, Birtley House Independent School, Kent.*

Thank you again for two amazing workshops. Everyone has praised you for managing the group, teaching, demonstrating and guiding them. For innovative concepts and suggestions. They said your wealth of knowledge and ideas made the workshops fantastic. Some of our teachers also plan to use what they have learnt with children back in the classroom. *Catherine Roper, Marketing & Communications Manager, The Eden Academy, Middlesex.*

Emily spent three days at Bradfield workshopping with our pupils. They were taught how to come up with a short story board and then illustrate their ideas in a storyboard cartoon. The children were fully engaged and came up with some great ideas and even better comic strips. We highly recommend this workshop for children of all ages and can't wait to invite her back again. *Tara Williamson, Co-Curricular Coordinator, Bradfield College, Berkshire*

It was fantastic to see the children so engaged in their drawing. *Class Teacher, Seaford Primary School, East Sussex*

The children had some great ideas and Emily was brilliant at inspiring the children. *Teaching Assistant, Seaford Primary School, East Sussex*

Emily's comic strip workshops were professionally presented, relevant to the Reading Challenge theme and the families who took part were very engaged. *Geoff James Manager, Library Services to Children & Young People, Islington Libraries*

Nicely paced – boys were engrossed. The quietest my son has been for ages. Well organised event; all the children seemed very engaged & interested. Great idea and very enjoyable. My boys loved this – they were so focused throughout. Emily is brilliant at encouraging the children. Excellent way to get kids involved in storytelling with pictures. Great opportunity to get into the comic world. My children said everything was brilliant & they really liked drawing their own comic strip. A very good session – the children were encouraged and given individual attention. Good pace – Emily is very patient with the children. All the children became involved in drawing different pictures which was interesting to watch. Emily had good constructive comments to help inspire the children. *Parent's feedback taken from event evaluation forms Children's Book Festival, Southend-On-Sea*

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The children really enjoyed the workshops and my class were so excited to share their work with me when I got back! *Nichola Pritchard Art Co-ordinator, Lordswood Primary School, Chatham*

Thank you so much for the day – the feedback was fantastic and I know the kids really really enjoyed it! We're thinking about how to use it in a project next term now. I hope we can do it again next year! *Kelly Davies Trust Lead Practitioner, The Stour Academy Trust*

Emily delivered very engaging workshops and encouraged the children to be creative and have fun. Everyone enjoyed the sessions. *Monica Sever, Hackney Libraries' Children and Young People's Manager*

The boys had a great time and were fired up about drawing cartoon illustrations for days after your visit. *Ray Cassar Teacher of Art, Willington Independent Prep School, Wimbledon*

A wonderful two days! All classes were engrossed in their workshops, Emily engaged all age groups well and everyone was inspired to have a go – even the adults! Definitely the highlight of our Book week. *Sarah Johnson Head of Year 6, St Martin's C of E Primary School, Folkestone*

Emily has delivered 2 amazing workshops at Grove Park Holiday Programme to children aged 7 to 16 years. The workshops were enjoyed by all of our young people and her exciting and fun filled delivery style has been noted by our staff. We look forward to many more workshops with Emily. *Makeida Winston, Youth Worker, Elevating Success UK*

Thank you for a very successful workshop with our Browns school students. Both the Juniors and Seniors had a wonderful time. The teachers also gave me great feedback. Hopefully we will see you again soon. *Chris Ponulak, Deputy Head, Browns Secondary School, Kent*

Emily Fella carried out 3 inspirational events for children at Southwark Libraries during the summer of 2014. Emily works very well with children and young people and is able to share her vast knowledge and skills in graphic and comic art with children of all ages. Emily also judged the Southwark Libraries Graphic Art Competition 2014 and spoke to the winners about their work. I would recommend Emily and would like her to work with us again. *Elaine Walters, Principal Young People's Librarian, Southwark Libraries*

We have really enjoyed having Emily to visit Petts Wood Library, the children loved the two illustration workshops which were attended by children of 3 years to 12 years. Emily kept all ages engaged in her artistic instruction and the children very much enjoyed creating their own pictures. Emily delivers her workshops in a calm and patient way which the children really responded to. We very much hope Emily will come and see us again soon. *Jenny Hawke, Supervisor, Petts Wood Library*

Thank you for doing the workshop for us – the children loved it! *Vanessa Williamson Assistant Group Manager (West), London Borough of Bromley*

Emily held the attention of the children, keeping them focused while also attentive and patient, making sure everyone was at the same point, and leaving no one behind. *Ashburton Library Assistant, Croydon Borough*

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I wanted to send you a quick email to congratulate you on this event. My daughters thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were brimming with enthusiasm for what they'd created. Comics and illustrated fiction so often get overlooked so well done to your library for offering this workshop. Thank you very much. *Jo Taylor, Parent*

Can I just say how much my boys enjoyed this. Please do continue to offer such events for this age group. *Neelam Sharma, Parent*

My son who isn't particularly artistic attended a comic workshop at the local library and that was it, he was hooked. From then on, he spent hours at his desk designing and drawing his own comic strip. He couldn't wait to go again and now draws comic birthday cards for all the family (and not a computer screen in sight!) Professionally organised and fantastically run.

*Mike Buckland, Parent*

## Workshop Clients

*Temple Grove School, Tunbridge Wells, Kent*

*Discover Children's Story Centre, Stratford, London*

*St. Peter's C.E. Primary School, Hammersmith*

*St Mary Magdalen's School, Brockley, London*

*Poverest School, St Mary Cray, Kent*

*Mount Carmel School, Ealing*

*Museum of the Home, Hackney*

*Hackney Ark, Hackney*

*Egham Museum*

*Spring Grove Prep School, Wye*

*Wingham Primary, Canterbury*

*Fleet Primary, Hampstead*

*Sharjah Book Authority (Sharjah International Book Fair) 2017 and 2019*

*Crofton Park Library*

*Eden Girl's School, Slough*

*Squirrels Heath Junior School, Romford*

*Old Palace Preparatory School, Croydon*

*Birtley House Independent School, Kent*

*Maypole School, Dartford*

*Ashwell Primary School, Baldock*

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*St Mary's Hare Park School, Romford*

*The Eden Academy Trust*

*Wandsworth Preparatory School*

*Barlby Primary School, Ladbroke Grove*

*Christ Church School, Hampstead*

*Godinton Primary School, Ashford*

*Islington Libraries*

*Bradfield College, Berkshire*

*Seaford Primary School, East Sussex*

*Southend-On-Sea Libraries (Southend Children's Book Festival)*

*Lewisham Libraries*

*Lordswood School, Chatham*

*Stour Academy – Sturry and Sheerness schools*

*Whitefriars School, Harrow*

*Barking and Dagenham Libraries*

*Hackney Libraries*

*Chobham Academy, Newham*

*Willington Independent Prep School, Wimbledon*

*St Martin's Church of England Primary School, Folkestone*

*Newham Libraries*

*Lambeth Libraries*

*Thamesmead Festival*

*St James the Great School, Thornton Heath*

*JDRF type 1 Diabetes Charity Discovery Days at Imperial College, London*

*Brown's Secondary School, Kent. For children with specific learning difficulties*

*Elevating Success*

*Carillion Leisure Services (Harrow, Hounslow, Ealing & Croydon Libraries)*

*Southwark Libraries*

*Bexley Libraries*

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