



YourStoryWorld Classroom Ideas Pack

Helping Children Read, Write and Imagine

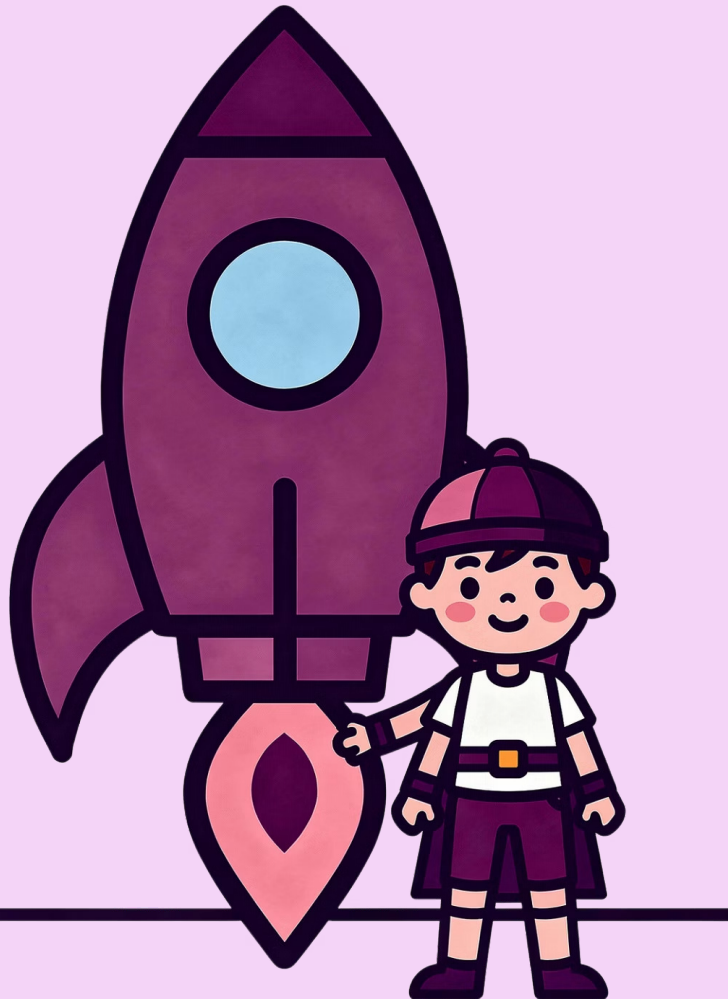
A practical guide to using personalised storytelling to support **Reading Engagement**, **Creative Writing** and **AI Literacy** across Years 2–6.

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Why Personalised Stories Matter

Many children struggle to connect with traditional reading materials. When a child becomes the **hero of the story**, everything changes — motivation rises, comprehension deepens, and reading becomes meaningful rather than a chore.



Motivation

Increases the drive to read independently and regularly



Relevance

Familiar names and topics make reading feel personal



Discussion

Sparks curiosity, prediction and rich classroom talk



Comprehension

Familiarity with characters supports deeper understanding

"What happens when a child becomes the hero of the story?"

Using YourStoryWorld to Encourage Reading

READING ENGAGEMENT

★ **Activity: Story of the Week**

Create a personalised story featuring a pupil, class mascot or familiar topic. Read together as a class, pausing at key moments for predictions and discussion. This simple routine builds reading habits and gives every child a moment to shine.

- Create a personalised story for the class
- Read aloud together and pause for predictions
- Discuss characters, plot and what comes next

Example Prompt

"Create an adventure story about Jack and his friends discovering a hidden football stadium beneath their school."

Learning Outcomes

- Reading comprehension
- Prediction skills
- Speaking and discussion

Helping Reluctant Readers Reconnect With Reading

♥ RELUCTANT READERS

The most powerful tool for a reluctant reader is a story built around **their world**. By matching story content to a child's interests, YourStoryWorld creates ownership and investment before the first page is even turned.

⚽ Football Fan

"Create a story about Ava becoming captain of her favourite football team and leading them to a cup final."

🚀 Space Explorer

"Create a story about Noah travelling to Mars with his dog to rescue a missing astronaut."

✅ "When children help shape the story, they become deeply invested in reading it — and in finding out what happens next."



Turning Reading Into Creative Writing

 CREATIVE WRITING

Example Prompt

"Create a mystery story about Sophie discovering a locked diary hidden in the school library."

Learning Outcomes

- Story structure and sequencing
- Vocabulary development
- Editing and redrafting

Three Powerful Follow-Up Activities

1

Rewrite the Ending

Challenge pupils to change the outcome — what if Sophie never opened the diary?

2

Add a New Chapter

Pupils extend the story with their own narrative voice and ideas

3

Create New Characters

Introduce a villain, sidekick or mysterious stranger to deepen the plot

Exploring Different Genres

GENRE EXPLORATION

Use the same character in different genre prompts to help pupils experience how **atmosphere, vocabulary and structure** shift between genres. This is a powerful stimulus for language analysis and writing craft.

Adventure

"Create a story about Ethan discovering an ancient treasure map hidden inside his school's oldest book."

Suspense

"Create a suspense story about Ethan hearing strange noises coming from an abandoned house at the end of his street."

Class Discussion Prompts



What Creates Suspense?

Explore how short sentences, silence and the unknown build tension



Vocabulary Choices

Compare word choices across genres — how does language signal mood?



Genre vs. Horror

Discuss where suspense ends and horror begins — a great critical thinking exercise

Introducing AI in a Safe and Meaningful Way



YourStoryWorld provides an ideal, age-appropriate context for introducing pupils to how artificial intelligence works — and how **humans and AI can collaborate creatively**.

Discussion Activity

Generate this prompt together as a class: *"Create a story about Lily exploring Ancient Egypt."*

Then ask pupils to reflect:

- How did AI turn one sentence into a full story?
- What information did it use?
- What makes a story truly creative?
- What role does the human writer play?

Comparison Task

Have pupils write their own version of the same prompt, then compare it side-by-side with the AI-generated story. Discuss similarities, differences and what each version does well.



Learning Outcomes: Critical thinking · Digital literacy · Responsible AI use

Ready-To-Use Classroom Prompt Ideas

⚡ USE TODAY

These prompts are ready to drop into any lesson. Simply replace **[Name]** with your pupil's name to create an instant, personalised story tailored to your curriculum topic.

Reading

"Create a story about [Name] becoming a famous explorer."

History

"Create a story about [Name] helping the Romans build a fort in Britain."

Science

"Create a story about [Name] travelling through the Solar System."

PSHE

"Create a story about [Name] helping a new pupil settle into school."

Suspense

"Create a suspense story about [Name] investigating mysterious footprints found in the school corridor."

Fantasy

"Create a fantasy story about [Name] discovering a hidden portal beneath their classroom."

Top Tips For Creating Great Stories

✦ GETTING THE BEST RESULTS

The more detail you provide in your prompt, the richer and more relevant the story will be. The **Description Box** is where the magic happens — use it to be specific about characters, setting, emotions and plot direction.

✗ Instead of: "Make it suspenseful."

✓ Try: "Create a suspense story where Harry hears footsteps following him home from school but never discovers who is behind them."

01

Be specific about characters — their name, personality, and relationships

03

Explain what should happen — key events, twists or turning points

✗ Instead of: "Change the ending."

✓ Try: "Create an ending where the treasure is discovered by the wrong person and the main character must get it back."

02

Describe the setting clearly — time, place, atmosphere

04

Include emotions and challenges to deepen the narrative

Simple Ways to Trial YourStoryWorld

NEXT STEPS

Option 1

One-Class Reading Trial — introduce Story of the Week with your whole class

Option 2

Reluctant Reader Group — use interest-based stories with a targeted intervention group

Option 3

Creative Writing Unit — build a full writing sequence around a personalised story

Option 4

AI Literacy Lesson — use the comparison activity to introduce responsible AI discussion

- ✓ YourStoryWorld helps transform children from passive readers into active participants in storytelling — creating meaningful opportunities for reading, writing and imagination both in school and at home.



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