

Author and Illustrator Visits For Schools, Libraries & Festivals

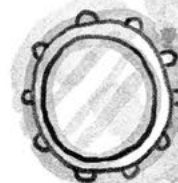
From the award-winning team behind
the Dave Pigeon books published by
Faber & Faber, aimed at Key Stage 2



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ABOUT US

Swapna Haddow is the author of the Dave Pigeon books, published by Faber & Faber, including Dave Pigeon (Nuggets!) and the award-winning and Sainsbury's Children's Book Award shortlistee **Dave Pigeon: How to Deal with Bad Cats and Keep (Most of) Your Feathers**. She lives in London with her husband and son.

Sheena Dempsey is the illustrator of the Dave Pigeon books, published by Faber & Faber. She loves to draw all kinds of animals, from dirty rats to mean cats and even a heroic pigeon or two. She lives in London with her partner, Mick, and their wayward ex-racing greyhound, Sandy.

We are an author-illustrator team with interactive workshops available for schools, libraries and festivals. Our workshop is a creative and flexible experience that focuses on inspiring children to read and write their own stories by showing them how much fun they can have illustrating and writing. Our workshops are aimed at children aged 7 to 11 years old.



WORKSHOP DETAILS

Dave Pigeon: Inventing Characters and Building Stories

(timings flexible but usually 45 minutes to an hour)

Based on the characters from the Dave Pigeon books, we facilitate an illustration workshop including live drawing, based on a shape challenge, highlighting the importance of imagination and creativity.

Having created new pigeon characters, we lead a storytelling workshop, developing ideas to keep the story exciting to the finish, with a completed story derived from input from all pupils.

Dave Pigeon (Nuggets!): Creating Villains and Developing Stories

(timings flexible but usually 45 minutes to an hour)

Based on the villains in the Dave Pigeon series, we facilitate an illustration workshop including live drawing, based on the characteristics that make great antagonists, highlighting the importance of co-creation and imagination. We lead a storytelling workshop, using our newly developed villain, cultivating and editing ideas to create an exciting narrative, with a completed story derived from input from all pupils.

Fees

For a half day visit we charge £150 plus travel expenses* per author (£300 in total and in line with the rate recommended by Society of Authors for a half day visit).

*Please note we are both based in London.

If you would like to book an event at your school, library or festival, please contact swapnahaddow@gmail.com or dempseysheena@gmail.com