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# KNOWSLEY CLCS FOCUS ON...



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## Literacy Month: Creative Writing & Retell a Known Story

**Focus Activity Costs:**  
SLA Cost: 1 Half Day Session  
NON SLA Cost: £75 Per Half Day

Help learners get inspired by books, poems and plays and then encourage them to create and share their own creative stories.

In our latest series of activities learners can write their own short stories or retell a favourite story and then turn them into digital stories using a variety of multimedia tools including graphics, audio, animation and web publishing. These digital stories can then be shared with other schools and the world.

If you are interested in Knowsley CLC staff working with your children to deliver this activity please contact Knowsley CLCs ([knowsley.clc@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:knowsley.clc@knowsley.gov.uk)).

### Learning Objectives:

- Introduce learners and teachers to a range of ICT skills and devices
- Develop learner literacy and communication skills
- Develop learner confidence in utilising a range of web and multimedia packages
- Develop language and structure of sentences to create tension and mood
- Promote creative writing and storytelling based on curricular based texts or topics
- Encourage learners to explore their imagination and creativity using images, text and multimedia
- Encourage learners to share and publish their work

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## Activities Available:

### Comic Life

This interactive, story-making tool will help children develop their literacy skills by creating their own unique comic-strip stories. Some schools are now creating their own newsletters in Comic Life which are distributed to parents and placed on their school information site (as a pdf or even a short movie).

### School Magazine

Set up a school or class magazine club, inviting children from all classes/year groups to join. The children become reporters to find information to publish. They then create pages and are helped to edit them. The school can then sell the magazine at the end of the term/year to help raise funds for school resources.

### Making Digital Books

Easy ePub creation is not only good for authors who want to self publish, it's also great for children of all ages. From our experience children are ecstatic to share the eBooks they create and they love the process of creating them so much that it encourages them to write more. Anything that builds literacy and a love of reading is always going to be a win in our book, and when it involves technology, even better.

### Creating your own fairy tales

In this activity children produce their own illustrated fairy tales using an iPad. Children can write their own stories and draw characters and scenes from their stories. Their stories can then be published on the school website or special class blog pages.

### Animation

Animation can be used from early years and extends well into secondary schools as the task set decides on how complex it will be. Stop Motion animation can be done using a number of programs and is a great way of blending literacy and technology.

### News Reports

Children can learn a lot about the media and how the news is made by producing their own School News Report. They will learn about planning, filming and editing techniques.

### School Clubs

A growing number of schools have been running their own Digital Imaging and Animation clubs which we can help support.

