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#### 20th to 22nd December

# 11+ Creative writing for exams 9:30 to 10:30am (Age 9 to 10)

The 11+ creative writing component tests children's knowledge of literary techniques, their use of grammar and punctuation, and above all, their ability to write fluently. On this course, children tackle one writing question a day from a selection of 11+ papers, within a set time limit. We show them how to plan stories or pieces before writing them, how and when to use techniques such as simile and metaphor, and how to achieve that all- important ingredient in their writing: flow.

# Travel Writing course 10:30am to 11:30 am (Age 9 to 10)

On this course the group will be shown tips and tricks to make Travel Writing as immersive and exciting as real-time traveling. They will look at Gulliver's Travels, make up their own imaginary journey to a made-up world; Bill Bryson's Notes From A Small Island, to write a travelogue from the perspective of a foreigner in their hometown; and finally, writing about a place they really want to visit, or have visited and loved.

### 11+ Comprehension Revision course 9:30am to10:30am (Age 9 to 10)

We will show the group how to approach comprehensions with confidence and even enthusiasm! They will also be shown how to write a composition, which contains the literary techniques the examiners are looking for, within a time limit. There will be two tutors on this course and a maximum of 10 children in the group.

**Day One:** Comprehension practice. How to read the questions and approach words you may not understand. Mock paper and feedback on your answers.

**Day Two:** Planning, writing and remembering what to include in your story/composition for the exam. Mock paper and feedback on your essay.

**Day Three:** Punctuation and Grammar revision. Model answers to comprehension from Day one. Short practice comprehension. Mock writing paper. Read out your story to the group.

#### 27th to 29th December

### Write A Fantasy Story course 9:30 to 10:30am (Age 8 to 10)

Whether it's a gleaming city in the clouds; a deep, dark forest haunted by ghosts and wicked goblins; or a mountain owned by fiery dragons, we will help you write a fantasy tale like no other, using extracts from 'The Hobbit', Ursula Le Guin, and other classic fantasy tales for inspiration.

### Father Christmas Writing Course 9:30 to 10:30am (Age 6 to 7)

On this course, the group will re-think Christmas by looking at the stories from around the world about Father Christmas. We will then ask them to write their own Santa story, showing them how to build a theme, create characters and plot the story.

Price of each course = £67.50

# Testimonials from previous courses

"I've learnt more about the different writing styles," Harry, age 9.

"Exciting, engaging and challenging," Xiaou Xiaou, age 10.

"Interesting, fun, and mind-stretching," Baille, age 8.