

# Extraordinary Things in Ordinary Places

KS1-KS3

With writer Polly Ho Yen

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**Twilight CPD:** This training from former teacher Polly Ho-Yen will provide you with a toolkit of ideas, activities and strategies to demystify the writing process and inspire your students to discover stories and writing rooted in their own realities. You will be guided through a local area or environment walk and through the visual process of doodling, find and develop a story idea that is rooted in your reality with a fantastical/ speculative/sci-fi twist. Using a variety of multi-sensory techniques that will unlock the richness of your students' everyday experiences, the writing process will be explored from conception to writing. By drawing on texts, you will also explore different pathways into enriching vocabulary and language skills to understand how to engage a reader.

- + **Half Day:** Using inspiration from your walk, continue to examine and explore characters, motivations and problems. Create a full story plan and synopsis using collaborative techniques and questioning.
- + **Full Day:** Through further analysis of extracts from 'Boy in the Tower', 'Where Monsters Lie' and 'Fly Me Home', you will examine how to use structure and language to engage a reader, embedding 'showing not telling' into your writing, as you start writing your first chapter.

## Learning Outcomes

- Explore ideas for narrative writing by drawing and developing ideas for characters, settings and events
- Create a synopsis for an independent story considering how characters, motivations and problems shape story events
- Investigate how an author uses structure and language to engage a reader and experiment with this in your own writing

## Books by Polly Ho Yen

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