



MINISTRY OF STORIES

# Hackney Writing Partnership

A new creative writing consortium for Hackney primary schools, led by Ministry of Stories.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SCHOOL PARTNERS FROM 2025





## About Ministry of Stories

Ministry of Stories is a Hackney-based children's charity that champions the writer in every child. We believe in young people's ideas and imagination, and the power of their voices to make change in the world. We make writing exciting, even for the most reluctant writers.

All of our programmes are led by experienced professional writer-educators, who work with children to create imaginative, purposeful writing that results in professional outcomes - from stunning published anthologies and professionally designed newspapers, to exciting performances, audio or film work.

## About the Hackney Writing Partnership

**We are seeking school partners for a three-year programme of subject leadership support, teacher CPD, writer-led projects for pupils and beautifully produced final outcomes.** We will work with a consortium of up to ten Hackney Primary Schools, starting in September 2025.

Over the course of the three years we will equip schools with the Ministry of Stories methodology: first sharing our existing programmes, then creating new programmes together; then finally mentoring and supporting schools to embed our approaches into their teaching practice and curriculum

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“The partnership with Ministry of Stories has so many benefits. There is the great experience the children have and the writing outcomes they produce. But the lasting legacy of the project is from the opportunity our teachers get to learn and develop their own skills. The project has most definitely given the school an energy boost, enthusing many more children and staff.”

Headteacher, Manorfield Primary School, Tower Hamlets

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## Outcomes

### For your pupils:

- Children become better writers, communicators and orators
- They grow in confidence, courage and creativity
- Their wellbeing is supported and they feel positive about themselves

### For teachers:

- New ideas and approaches for teaching writing and developing pupil voice
- Opportunities to use new writing approaches across the curriculum
- Skills and confidence to embed creative writing and oracy in the classroom

### For schools:

- Developing writing provision and creating a culture of writing across your school
- Supporting English Leads to become inspired and well networked across the borough
- Embedding creative writing approaches, and energising the wider curriculum

## Funding

We have secured a significant grant from the Mercers' Company to support the majority of the costs, meaning schools are only asked to make a contribution of £1,800 per year, equal to just 15% of the total cost of the programme.

## Project Partners

- Hackney Education - Programme Advisors
- Professor Teresa Cremin (Reading and Writing for Pleasure), Open University - Research Partner
- Mercers Company - Principal Funder

## Want to join us?

Book a **free taster workshop or Ministry Takeover Day** to get a feel for our approach. To find out more, contact Jane McCarthy, Education Programme Manager on [jane@ministryofstories.org](mailto:jane@ministryofstories.org) by 20th January 2025.

