



# Three Day Spring Institute: Writing Across The Curriculum

## The Writing For Pleasure Centre

– promoting research-informed writing teaching

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

**Featuring:** Ross Young, Jonny Walker & Felicity Ferguson

**Limited to 15 delegates**

This spring, The Writing For Pleasure Centre will lead a three day institute that focuses on writing across the curriculum in KS2. This institute will help you and your school teach children how to write meaningfully and successfully across the subject domains. It will also help teachers identify the qualities of successful writing within the subject-specific disciplines. Therefore, this institute will be just as useful for coordinators of the foundation subjects as it will be for literacy coordinators. Our mission is for you to leave the institute itching to do some of your own writing too!

We've chosen this focus in response to the new Ofsted framework but also because we know that, when children develop their writing skills across the whole curriculum, their writing progress can increase dramatically. We know too that, when teachers take writing across the curriculum seriously, children become great knowledge-builders.

You'll come away from this institute knowing how to set up writing projects which encourage children to write up their own science experiments, to explain scientific phenomena or even discuss scientific theories. Children will learn how to write public history, account for and even debate the past, and write biographies. Children will learn how to effectively explain, discuss and give their opinion on geographical, social and environmental events. We will also discuss how we can give these projects high status, and ensure children see them as purposeful and authentic.

Teachers are also asked to bring an example of practice to share and discuss with the group. This can be what they consider successful practice or it can be something they would like advice and support on developing.

Finally, all teachers who join us for the institute automatically become teacher affiliates to The Writing For Pleasure Centre where they can access our 'Office Hours' initiative, read and share examples of practice and access priority and discounted booking for future institutes and writing retreats.



## The institute includes:

- A morning exploring what it is the most effective teachers of writing do and what research states as being the principles of exceptional writing practice.
- A chance for teachers to discuss, share and audit their own teaching of writing. Teachers will celebrate achievement and look at areas for development in a supportive and collaborative environment.
- Exploration of the subject-specific writing disciplines (how to help children write well in science, history, geography and social study).
- How teachers can help children present their knowledge learning and write in personal response to what they are reading and learning across the curriculum.
- Time for delegates to select, discuss and plan an action research project to conduct when they return to school.

**Cost:** £325

## Where:

Park Primary School,  
Mathews Park Avenue,  
Stratford, London E15 4AE

## The Venue:

Park Primary School is a large 3-11 school in Stratford, in the London Borough of Newham. The school is a fifteen minute walk from Stratford Station (Central Line, Jubilee Line, TfL Line, DLR and National Rail links into Essex and Norfolk) and from Stratford International Station (National Rail links into Kent). We are a minute or two from the 25/86 Bus Route - (Stop: Atherton Leisure Centre, on Romford Road).

## Places to stay:

In an effort to assist you with your search for accommodation, we have listed several good hotels you might consider if you are travelling to London from further afield. All of those listed are much more reasonable if booked in advance. All are within walking distance from Park Primary School. Please note that we cannot guarantee prices, services, or hotel conditions.

- Hotel Ibis London Stratford (0.6 mile away)
- Moxy London Stratford (0.9 mile away)
- Holiday Inn Express London - Stratford (1.0 mile away)
- The Westbridge Hotel London Stratford (1.0 mile away)

## Places to eat:

We do not provide lunch for participants during our institutes. However, we will provide you with a list of shops or cafes in the nearby area so that participants are able to order or bring their lunches with them, or find somewhere great for dinner afterwards. As well as recommendations below, Stratford is home to Westfield, with a huge range of restaurants, food shops and cafes, within 20 min walk of the school. To keep us all going throughout the day, we will provide coffee, tea and sugary treats!

- Sawmill Cafe, West Ham Lane (10 minute walk)
- Pie Republic, Upton Lane (10 minute walk)
- Dar Marrakech, Stratford Broadway (20 minute walk)
- Sainsbury's, Romford Road (less than 5 minutes)
- Tesco Express, Romford Road (less than 5 minutes)

**Book here: [tinyurl.com/y2n45k4b](https://tinyurl.com/y2n45k4b)**

### **Ross Young, Jonny Walker & Felicity Ferguson:**

are staff developers at The Writing For Pleasure Centre. Ross & Felicity are also the national writing representatives for The UKLA (United Kingdom Literacy Association).

Ross and Felicity were the series creators for *Power English: Writing*, a research-based approach to teaching writing effectively across primary school for Pearson Education.

They are also the authors of two books: *Real-World Writing: A handbook for teaching writing effectively across primary school* and *A Writing For Pleasure pedagogy: from theory to practice* (Routledge, 2020).

Jonny is the founder of OtherWise Education, a collaborative learning organisation with a particular focus on writing. OtherWise run projects which develop self-expression, self-understanding and self-belief. These projects include Poetry Retreats and Writes of Passage networks, working with primary and secondary pupils.

Jonny is also an English lecturer with Essex and Thames SCITT.