

Introduction to creative writing

Warm up	Introduce myself and ask them to introduce themselves and say one thing they like doing and one thing they like eating Some of the books I'll be using are:
	13 Artists Children Should Know, by Angela Wenzel
	The History of Paintings – A History of Art for Children, by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
	Picture This!, by Paul Thurlby
Present the project	Explain the goals of the project: to discover works of art and use them as starting points to write using our imagination.
	Ask the children if they like drawing/painting and if they can guess how we can tell a story from a photograph or a picture.
	Ask whether they have ever been to the National Gallery, and share the news that NG is celebrating its bicentennial this year. Do they know where NG is? And that it's free?
Writing	Do they like writing? Do they prefer fiction or non-fiction, and can they explain the difference?
	This club will explore creative writing techniques leading up to a final exciting project: publishing your own stories in a book next to the paintings that inspired them.
	To get us started today, we're going to draw a picture and then write a few lines with a partner.