*A Book in a Session –* Info Sheet

Year 4 to 6

**MATERIALS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL**

* Each student will need to have with them:
* 4 x A4 sheets, folded in half. This will form their 8 page ‘book’. Please note - they are not to be stapled
* 1 x blank A4 for rough notes
* Pencil

**WORKSHOP**

**PART 1 – 15 mins**

* Chris will share with the group his love of reading and writing funny stories and will share a work in progress.

**PART 2 – 30 mins**

* Teachers assist - Students will be invited to break into pairs or small groups of 3 maximum. If they want to work on their own this is fine too! They can spread out a little at this point, which Chris will direct, as we still want all students facing the presenter.

**Creative time**

* Selecting settings, characters and some random objects from options provided on the screen, students will write down the ‘ingredients’ they have selected.
* To ensure the whole group is engaged, the storyline has a simple path, but still has plenty of scope for the keen writers in the group to utilize their talents!
* Other than the basic guidelines they are given, there are no set rules to follow. Their story can be a cartoon, a rhyming poem, comic strip, it could be text only or an illustrated picture book – it doesn’t matter as this is their own FUN creative project!
* Chris and teachers will mix with the *creatives* to offer their assistance during this period.

**PART 3 – 15 mins**

* Teachers will assist in selecting some volunteers from the group who would like to share what they have started.
* Students will be invited to add, edit, illustrate and finish their creative project in their own time or possibly in class time if this suits their teachers.

 These Key Points will be displayed on the screen during the writing part of the workshop:

1. HAVE FUN!
2. Remember it’s a DRAFT - so it doesn’t have to be perfect.
3. Keep it simple (You are not writing an essay)
4. Try to have some AWESOME ADJECTIVES and VIBRANT VERBS!
5. Try to have a scary bit.
6. Try to have a funny bit; maybe something really GROSS!
7. HAVE FUN!