



# Playscript Sets for KS2

## Library Services for Schools Serving Schools in Cumbria

These titles are available in sets of 7. A box consists of 20 books so please feel free to mix and match with other topics, guided reading sets or reading for pleasure themes.

### Historical Plays

### Bookband Level



**Let's Go to London by Kaye Umansky (Tudors)**

**Upper KS2 Dark Pink**

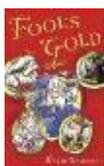
A random group of travellers meet on the river bank one morning, all heading for London town. But when the ferryman is too drunk to row, they must walk! Little do they know what an adventure it will turn out to be! Speaking parts for 6 people.



**Time Switch by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore (Tudors)**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

When Bev and friends go to audition at the Globe Theatre, they don't expect to be spirited back to the year 1600. Plague is sweeping London and Shakespeare's company needs young actors. But is Tim a good choice to play Juliet? And can Bev and Hayley prevent murder most foul as a jealous rival plots his revenge? Speaking parts for 6 people.



**Fool's Gold by David Calcutt (Tudors)**

**Upper KS2 Grey**

Prospero's had a dream - at last he's going to discover how to turn ordinary metal into pure gold. So when a pair of tramps turn up at his door, telling him they have a rare stone that will give him this power, he jumps at the chance to buy it. He's going to be rich! But surely it's not a simple as that.. Speaking parts for 5 people.



**Work! Work! Work. A Collection of Plays. Steve Barlow (Greeks)**

**Lower KS2 Lime**

Hercules has been a very naughty boy. To make up for it, he's given a number of jobs to do by the Greek Gods. But these aren't the easy, go-down-the-shops or wash-the-dishes type of jobs. These are worse – a lot worse! Getting them done is going to mean work, work, work!



**Bombs and Blackberries - A World War Two Play by Julia Donaldson**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Britain is at war and the Chivers' youngest children have to leave their parents to live in the countryside. They are delighted to be brought back home when it looks as though the Germans aren't going to invade after all. But the air-raid siren goes off and this time it's frighteningly real.. 29 speaking parts. Can also be used in small groups.



### **The Head in the Sand - A Roman Play by Julia Donaldson**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Arthur Godbold digs up a bronze head from a Suffolk river. As he puzzles over it, the dramatic story of the Roman invasion of Britain unfolds in front of his eyes. Emperor Claudius, British Queen Boudicca, Roman soldiers and British slave girls are all involved in this exciting story. 33 speaking parts. Can also be used in small groups.



### **Cruel Times - A Victorian Play by Kaye Umansky**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Sissy is doing her best as a kitchen maid to earn the little money on which her Ma and family depend. But when she is robbed by a gang of urchins they face destitution.. Until she meets Charles Dickens. 29 speaking parts. Can also be used in small groups.



### **Humble Tom's Big Trip - A Tudor Play by Kaye Umansky**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Humble Tom, a shepherd boy, leaves his country home to see the world. Will he survive the rickety roads, the disgusting diseases, the city crooks and the foul tasting pottage? This hilarious farce is set in Tudor times around King Henry VIII's journey to the Field of the Cloth of Gold. 32 speaking parts. Can also be used in small groups.



### **Taking Shelter by Alan Dapre (World War 2)**

**Lower KS2 Lime**

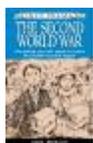
Charlie, Jean and Ted are used to taking shelter from air-raids - it's part of everyday life in wartime. However, this doesn't stop them from worrying a bit when Mum's late getting home from the factory. Surely she will be back soon? 3 speaking parts.



### **The Working Children by Wes Magee (Victorians)**

**Lower KS2 Lime**

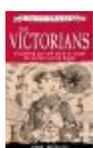
The children in Miss Baker's class are finding out about the Victorians. But for Ajeeta's group history *really* comes alive when they read about Harry and Beth, two orphans who lived on the streets of London. 10 speaking parts.



### **The Second World War by Ann Webley (World War 2)**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Experience life as a war-time evacuee, a land girl or a grocer. Discover how each character lived, the language they used and the problems they faced at each level of society. 10 speaking parts. Also suitable for a whole class.



### **The Victorians by Ann Webley**

**Upper KS2 Dark Blue**

Experience Victorian life as a parlour maid, a chimney sweep or a wealthy young girl. Discover how each character lived, the language they used and the problems they faced at each level of society. 10 speaking parts. Also suitable for a whole class.



### **How to Persuade a Grumpy Goddess by Sally Prue (Romans)**

**Upper KS2 Dark Red**

The Roman water goddess, Ancasta, is very hard to please. When the slaves find themselves in trouble for stealing, will she protect them from their masters? When they are all attached by Celts, can the slaves persuade the grumpy goddess to save them?



### **Three Mistakes and a Monster (Greeks)**

**Upper KS2 Dark Red**

High in the clouds of Mount Olympus, the bored Greek gods just don't know what to do with themselves. Meanwhile, down in Thebes, the savage Sphinx knows exactly what to do with anyone who can't solve her riddle.

## Multicultural Story Plays



### The Great Snakeskin by John Agard

Upper KS2 Dark Blue

Have you ever wondered how the birds got their colours? Based on an Amerindian legend, this play tells how the birds of the rainforest defeated the wicked Watersnake and stole his colourful skin. 7 Speaking parts. Also suitable for a whole class.

## Other Plays



### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. R. Dahl.

Lower & Upper KS2 Dark Blue

Join Charlie Bucket in Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory. Here's your chance to play all your favourite characters in Roald Dahl's well-loved story. With tips about scenery, props and lighting, this play is easy to stage and there are lots of parts for everyone.



### The Twits by Roald Dahl – adapted by David Wood

**NEW**

Lower & Upper KS2 Grey

Play version of Dahl's tale about an obnoxious couple. There's a part to suit everyone and lots of useful ideas about costumes, props and sound effects. Make Mr Twit eat wormy spaghetti, stick a frog in Mrs Twit's bed or join in the cleverest prank of all - the great upside down trick. With notes on simple staging, props and costumes, the plays can be produced with the minimum of experience and resources.



### Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl – adapted by Sally Reid

**NEW**

Lower & Upper KS2 Grey

A stage adaptation of Dahl's popular story, in which clever Mr Fox outwits the three nasty farmers: Boggis. Bunce and Bean. An excellent adaptation by Sally Reid, with staging advice on props, lighting and scenery at the end of the book.

You can order online and via email, telephone, post and fax - please see contact details below.

Remember some of these playsets sell out fast so order as soon as you can! Try to have a second preference available in case you've missed out.