



## The Tiffy and Toffy – Workshop Overview

The Tiffy and Toffy Workshop uses music, puppets, games and the Tiffy Toffy picture books. Young children read, count and learn about animals while using their imagination.

- The session is designed to be very interactive, educational and fun. Children also get to create an animal using their imagination.

- *The whole workshop can be done in 50-60 minutes*

### Part 1 (suitable for 3 – 7 years; 15 minutes) The Story

- Children are given shakers to join in.
- I introduce myself and play the Tiffy Toffy Song with my guitar and the children.
- about my grandfather and how he told me the Tiffy Toffy stories long ago.
- The children follow the story of THE LUCKY PELLET on the screen - Tiffy and Toffy meet an owl while searching for corn.
- I read the story while projecting it onto a screen. Hold the book, click the slides forward.
- Can you see the bees? how many can you see? What do you think Tiffy will do next? Would you like to eat squashed worm pie? Have they ever seen an owl?

### Part 2 (suitable for 3 – 7 years; 20 minutes) Puppets and Counting

- Would they like a puppet show?
- Ask for 6 volunteers.
- 2 x Tiffy - Toffy puppeteers - always sneak corn past Bertha Barn Owl.
- 1 x Bertha Barn Owl puppeteer - always trying to eat Tiffy and Toffy.
- 1 x corn picker - picks corn from my bag, when the class finds the hidden corn on the pages.
- 2 x stagehands - hold up the cloth stage.
- Go back through the pages and find the corn.

- Hands up! Who can describe where the corn is on the page? On a mole hill... Near Tiffy's leg etc. whoever gives the first description gets thrown a foam piece of corn to catch and hold. But only after the corn picker hands it to Tiffy and Toffy. They have to sneak it passed Bertha Barn Owl first.
- At the end the kids hold up all the pieces of corn and the whole class counts to 10.

### Part 3 (suitable for 3 – 7 years; 15 minutes) - Owls

- We watch an owl video.
- Ask questions about owls.
- Talk about owl pellets and show some
- We play the owl pellet game.
- Split the class into four and have one child representing them.
- They answer questions on owls and play the pellet game.
- 4 Giant playdoh pellets have four plastic bones inside them.
- The children cheer-on their player as they hunt for the pellets and then pull them apart to find the bones inside. Winning child gets a free book.

- **Question Time** (Suitable for 8 – 12 years; 5 minutes)

General questions about being an author, writing etc.

### Equipment needed

- Ample space – for children to sit, for the puppet show and my screen. *If multiple classes are going to be seen, it is better to have them come into one single area, with everything all set up. But I can 'work round' if this is not possible.*
- Data Projector\*
- Laptop\*
- Memory stick and pointer – for me.
- Flipchart\*
- I have my own puppets and owl pellets etc

(\* please let me know in advance if the school can supply these items – [paulmurdoch1@gmail.com](mailto:paulmurdoch1@gmail.com))

***Selling my books - before, during and after my visit.*** As a full-time author, it is always a great help if I am able to sell my books at the school. This works best if there is a communication to parents a few days before I visit with an enclosed pre-order form. Again, in many schools, children may bring money on the day to buy books and have them dedicated and signed. Also, there are often children present who, after experiencing the session, realise they would like a dedicated and signed copy. I can provide an order form to enable this. ***I carry author stock of all my books which I buy from my publisher at a slight discount.*** I pass some of this on to the children for any orders taken through the school before, during and up to 14 days after the event. All Tiffy Toffy books sold around the visit are reduced to £5.00.

***Books available, listed on the next page.***

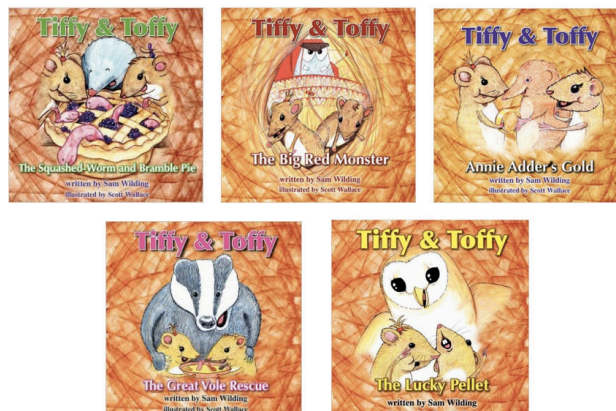
**Tiffy and Toffy – The Squashed Worm and Bramble Pie** – A beautiful picture book for younger children featuring two mice - Tiffy and Toffy. When Tiffy goes looking for brambles for her sister's special pie, Kenny Kestrel tries to spoil her fun. There's more than Tiffy and Toffy needing fed on this sunny autumn day. Illustrated by Scott Wallace, this is a story full of excitement and the kind of yucky stuff children love. There's extra fun to be had as you try to find the ten juicy worms hiding in the pages. £5.00

**Tiffy and Toffy – The Lucky Pellet** – Winter is coming and the two sister-mice, Tiffy and Toffy, find themselves short of food. Join them on their adventure as they set off to try and find some corn for their larder. They experience many dangers along the way. There's extra fun to be had as you try to find the juicy pieces of corn hidden in the pages. £5.00

**Tiffy and Toffy – Annie Adder's Gold** - A beautiful picture book for younger children featuring two mice - Tiffy and Toffy. When Sammy Shrew turns up at Tiffy and Toffy's nest with a golden ring, they try to put it back where it belongs. Then go back and help Sammy find 8 pieces of gold he dropped amongst the pages. Illustrated by Scott Wallace, this is a story full of excitement and the kind of yucky stuff children love. £5.00

**Tiffy and Toffy – The Great Vole Rescue** - A beautiful picture book for younger children featuring two mice -Tiffy and Toffy. When Violet Vole tells Tiffy and Toffy that Willie Weasel has stolen all the baby voles, they set off to try and save them. Can Tiffy and Toffy rescue the voles and save the day? Illustrated by Scott Wallace, this is a story full of excitement and the kind of yucky stuff children love. There's extra fun to be had as you try to find the babies' toys hidden in the pages. £5.00

**Tiffy and Toffy – The Big Red Monster** - A beautiful picture book for younger children featuring two mice - Tiffy and Toffy. When Tiffy and Toffy grab all their things and run away from a big red monster, they end up in Willie Weasel's lair. Can Molly Mole save them? What will become of their home? Then go back and help Tiffy and Toffy find 10 big, orange, wiggly centipedes hiding amongst the pages. Illustrated by Scott Wallace, this is a story full of excitement and the kind of yucky stuff children love. £5.00



## Paul Murdoch - Evaluation Sheet

I am always keen to improve, tweak, and listen to any feedback you may have.

What was the most useful part of the workshop?

What part of the workshop could be improved?

General Comments