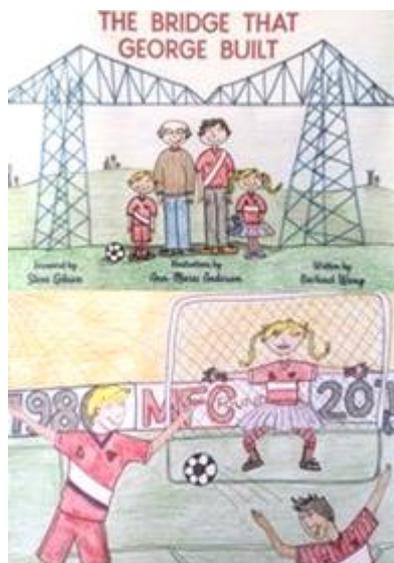


Write a Story with Rachael Wong



We have been given the chance to work with author Rachael Wong, who I'm sure you'll remember wrote the fabulous MFC Foundation's *The Bridge That George Built*. Rachael has offered to write a story in a week, with the help of Middlesbrough children (to tie in with May being *Share a Story month*) – I'm sure you will agree that this is an amazing opportunity, and I don't want this or the Challenges to be diluted!

Rachael is going to launch a series of videos from Monday (18 May) to help children document their lockdown experiences and give them a unique chance to be part of this 5-chapter story.

The story, titled *Parmo to the Rescue* after the sausage dog protagonist, will be hosted on the Middlesbrough Reads Facebook page. Every day next week at 10am, a new chapter will be released in a video and will follow the Middlesbrough-based Jones

family as they navigate life in lockdown.

At the end of each video, local children will be given an opportunity to suggest what happens next in the story – what mischief will Parmo the dog get up to? What are George's neighbours like? Will the children manage to complete their school work? Wong will then incorporate children's plot suggestions into the next daily chapter.

It would be great if you could encourage your pupils to become involved, both those in school and at home. (If you have children/grand-children/ nieces/nephews of your own, please do encourage them to send in suggestions too!) This is such a generous offer from Rachael and it would be great if there were lots of engagement from across Middlesbrough.

To watch the story unfold, tune in to the Middlesbrough Reads Facebook page every day next week at 10am: www.facebook.com/BoroReads. Story suggestions for the following instalments should be posted on the Facebook page, or on Twitter using #BoroReads, by 6pm each day to be considered for inclusion in the next chapter.

There will be information posted on the Middlesbrough Reads FB page over the weekend, telling followers to look out for this on Monday – it would be great if you could share on your social media platforms. I will be tweeting @AllyP1967 - I know a lot of schools have Twitter.