

## Get into the spirit of

# S.P.O.O.C.S

*An innovative and fun way to prepare for KS2 English SATS*

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Concern is spreading about an outbreak of unregulated hauntings in the old houses and castles of England. Pupils are invited to apply to join the *Society for the Prevention Of Occupancy of Castles and Stately homes* (S.P.O.O.C.S) as ghost hunters. In this thrilling and challenging role, they carry out a host of exciting writing activities.

The children are set writing tasks by Y, head of S.P.O.O.C.S, via 'live' video conferences. They see images of ghosts captured on surveillance cameras and catch a rather cheeky ghoul. Finally, the children are contacted by Hal B Rich III, the famous Hollywood film producer, who ropes them in to write his film script when his script writers walk out.

Throughout this engaging and motivating unit, the children:

- write for real purposes and audiences
- revise their knowledge and understanding of key text types and the writing process
- make confident and independent choices about their writing – a vital skill in any test situation.

### Key features

- Short and long writing tasks for all non-fiction text types, fiction and play scripts
- Amusing model texts for analysis
- Activity sheets to support children's understanding of the writing process
- Challenging supplementary word and sentence level activities
- Suggested novels and short stories for whole class reading
- Regular assessment opportunities
- DVD containing all of the writing stimulus material
- Clear and succinct teaching notes

The S.P.O.O.C.S DVD and teaching notes will be published by Ellipsis Publishing in October 2008. Contact [gill@gillmatthews.co.uk](mailto:gill@gillmatthews.co.uk) to pre-order your copy. Orders received before 31<sup>st</sup> August will qualify for the introductory price of £75. Normal price £100.