



MAKE A CLASS FUN BOOK



Working with children to produce a class book is a great way of encouraging their creativity. And after they have read some of Jeremy Strong's stories, they are bound to be bursting with ideas for a funny book of their own!

Here are some hints to get you started.

1 Create the content

Give every child in your class a page of their own in the book, and ask them to contribute the following things to fill it. This would make a good writing activity or homework assignment.

THREE surprising facts

Encourage children to think of things their friends might not know about them

TWO favourite jokes

Children can look in Jeremy Strong's joke books if they need some ideas

ONE funny school story

The thing that has made them laugh most since they joined the class

ONE funny picture

Either a photo or a drawing of themselves that will make people laugh

ONE funny book

A personal favourite that they would recommend to everyone else in the class



2 Produce the book

If the book is just for the class, you could use a scrapbook. But if you want to produce lots of copies, it will be easier to put everything on a computer, print out the pages and fold or staple them together. Designing and printing the book would make a good challenge for children who are particularly IT-literate, while children who are interested in art and crafts might like to design the front and back covers.

3 Sell it

A book produced by the whole class makes a lovely memento of the year for children and their families. You could try selling copies for a pound or two, and put the money towards school funds or a good cause you are supporting. Another way of raising some cash is to ask a person or company that you know to sponsor the book. In return for having their name on the front, they might pay for the cost of printing the book.