

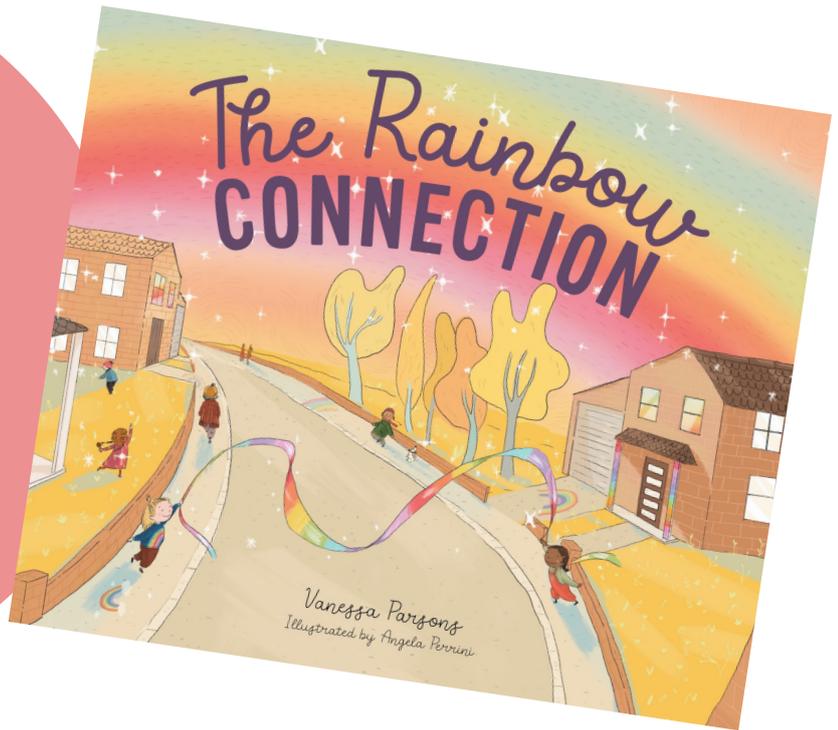
# Local Author School Visits

## VANESSA PARSONS

Author visits allow children to connect with real writers and inspire a love of reading and writing. Children see that books are worth celebrating and gain a valuable insight into the writing/publishing process

### About Vanessa Parsons

Vanessa has worn many different hats in her life: primary school teacher, life coach, choc top ice cream factory owner (a bit like Willy Wonka), mother of three children, and owner of various pets (including a wombat and duck). These rich and varied life experiences provide the inspiration Vanessa loves to turn in to children's picture story books that both entertain and encourage conversation. Her first two books are *Mighty Marvin Mouse* and *The Rainbow Connection*.



### Author Reading and Question Sessions

Author reading and Question sessions include a reading of *The Rainbow Connection*, discussion about how the children's experiences relate to the characters in the story and question time. This session goes for around 30 minutes and is best suited for children in Foundation to Year 2.

### Inspiration to Book Workshop

During the Inspiration to Book workshop, Vanessa tells the story of publishing a book from inspiration through to published book. She brings along lots of different pieces such as first drafts, illustration sketches, original illustrations and print proofs to show the children what is involved in the writing/publishing process. The children analyse and discuss the differences between the first draft and the final book, and time is allocated for the children to ask any questions about the writing/publishing process. This workshop goes for around 45 minutes and is best suited for children in Year 3 and 4.

**If you would like further information or to discuss the options for an author visit at your school or kindergarten, please contact Vanessa via email [vanessaparsonsaauthor@gmail.com](mailto:vanessaparsonsaauthor@gmail.com) and she'll get back to you ASAP.**