



DEBORAH ABELA'S AUTHOR VISIT TO TALK TO YEAR THREE

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The students were extremely engaged as she talked them through how she decided on the plot for *Grimsdon*. Just as *The Lorax* is Dr Seuss's cranky book about the destruction to environment, *Grimsdon* came from her concern about the way the planet is being treated. The question Deborah asked which started this story was - "I wonder what would happen if something big went wrong with the planet?"

Year 3 students thoroughly enjoyed working with Deborah and are very keen to get started writing their own stories.

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