



Author *Nick Thorpe* fires pupils' creativity & imagination with tales from his 2500-mile voyage to

# EASTER ISLAND

*"Nick gave the pupils a real-life reason to write and take chances." Primary 5 teacher, Edinburgh*

*"An accomplished storyteller - thoroughly entertaining" Daily Telegraph*

The iconic stone statues of Easter Island are familiar to many children, if only from the film *Night at the Museum*. But few know their extraordinary story – or the urgent eco-message to our modern world from this ancient civilisation.

Nick Thorpe, author of *Eight Men & a Duck*, reached the island after voyaging for 44 days - on a boat made of reeds! Using images & keepsakes from his adventure, he gives talks for up to 200 pupils (age 9 to 18) and/or interactive lessons for smaller classes, offering tailored learning experiences and outcomes from across the Curriculum for Excellence. E.g:

*Literacy/English:* describing a journey, writing for a target audience, keeping a diary, haiku, publishing & journalism

*Sciences/technologies:* star navigation, building boats, making electricity, island ecology, how statues were raised

*Health & Wellbeing/social studies:* keeping safe/fed at sea, teamwork, island migration/identity, religious beliefs



*"I was extremely impressed... a significant number of Curriculum for Excellence experiences and outcomes were met... feedback was extremely positive." Cerin Richardson, Arts in Learning, City of Edinburgh Council*

*"Boys and girls were falling over themselves to ask questions; he is educational in the best kind of way - inspirational would be a better word." Vivian French, children's author*



Nick has visited schools, book festivals and community groups across the UK. The author of three critically-acclaimed books, he is currently writing a children's novel about Easter Island.

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