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One of the questions I’m often asked is how to move from being a good teacher to an outstanding teacher.

And actually, the difference is very subtle. But one of the main ways we can transform our teaching is to move as a powerful reader in the classroom. We need to be an actor, or an actress, in our reading style. We need to take on the silly voices of characters in stories, or the experts in nonfiction.

Really bringing reading alive, putting a slowness to it, a volume, a pace – drawing children in... in fact, one of the nicest lessons I’ve seen is children lying on their backs looking at a light show, listening very closely to the language of a story.

Being a really skilled reader in the classroom is important because we need children to see all of the tools, the techniques and the ideas that writers are using, and we need to bring them to life in the classroom.

I cannot tell you how important it is for us to get excited by our reading material. We need to treasure books and bring them to life.