

Play to Learn!

KS1 Project by Corn Exchange Newbury



WHY THIS PROJECT?

At the Corn Exchange we have a **proven track record of using the arts as a tool to explore different aspects of life, learning and the self.** We have seen first-hand the **positive benefits of engaging young people with arts and cultural learning** and we know that we can provide learning opportunities not accessible to schools.

Teaching the curriculum through the arts can have a huge positive impact on engagement and learning. Research shows that **'participation in structured arts activities can increase cognitive abilities and transferable skills by 17%...and learning through arts and culture develops skills and behaviour that lead children to do better in school'**- Case 2010. Many studies also note increased confidence and self-esteem when children are involved in drama and the arts, alongside academic improvement.

All our sessions are delivered by arts and education professionals.

"Practical. Fun. Cross-curricular. The children engaged and were more confident discussing stories. I would recommend the project to other teachers!"

Class Teacher, Bucklebury Primary School

THE PROJECT AIMS TO:

- Allow pupils to explore areas of learning and development through the in depth exploration of a specific topic (chosen in collaboration with the school)
- Develop skills around basic drama practices such as speaking aloud in front of a group, teamwork, problem solving and working independently.
- To create a performance piece that can be shared with parents and / or the rest of the school
- Develop drama skills in the lead teacher
- Allow lead teacher time to observe their class working

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The project consists of **6 x 60 minute sessions**, based around a theme e.g. Space or Little Red Riding Hood (Teacher's choice). Each session explores a different curriculum area through drama and play. The final session includes a performance opportunity within the school.

There are also **3 x 15 minute sessions** for the practitioner and the lead teacher to reflect on and discuss the project. These will be scheduled for the beginning, middle and end of the project.

These sessions are also a CPD opportunity, designed to help the teacher to feel more confident in integrating drama into the curriculum.

WHAT HAPPENS AND WHEN?

First Stage:

- Secure place on project
- A member of our team will come and meet with you and your Headteacher
- Schedule sessions

Second Stage:

- We will invoice you for the project (this will need to be paid ahead of the start date)
- We will deliver the project.

PROJECT BREAKDOWN

Session 1

English

Session 2

Science

Session 3

Geography/History

Session 4

Maths

Session 5

Art

Session 6

Performance

*When registering for this project schools will need to specify Year 1 or Year 2 and the specific focus within these curriculum areas can be chosen by the practitioner or in conversation with the class teacher.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Project cost: £250

This includes planning, delivery time, travel to your school and all of the resources required to deliver the sessions.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

To register your interest please contact:

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