





HELLO! WE'RE ALTRU.

We're a small, friendly company and we use drama as a tool to help children learn and develop.

We deliver drama workshops, projects and performances in schools across the UK. Our projects are closely linked to the National Curriculum and to PSHE and SMSC outcomes. The work we do with schools has a significant and lasting benefit - teachers tell us that through working with us their pupils become more confident, demonstrate improved concentration, communication skills and empathy, and they are excited about learning.

In this brochure you'll find a range of projects, workshops and performances which can be booked simply and quickly for your school. In addition to this, we love working with teachers to develop new projects and we offer a completely bespoke service. If you can't see what you're looking for here, give us a call or pop us an email to let us know what you need and we will create a project just for you.

We hope you'll enjoy finding out more about the work we do and you'll be inspired to bring drama into your classroom!

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YOUR TOPIC IN JUST ONE DAY!

Suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2

Full day workshop for 1 class or up to 4 workshops in a day for 4 classes.

2 different formats both packed with opportunities for learning

Over 40 topics to choose from

We know that time and resources need to be used wisely in every school, and so we've created a topic based 'in a day' format. This new, exciting way of working gives you the ultimate flexibility in choosing creative workshops which are perfect for your pupils' development.

You can choose to immerse one class in a topic for a full day with the **Learn and Present** format or give up to 4 classes a creative and participatory workshop on a topic with the **Explore** format.

We've got workshops to cover over 40 different topics with everything from History, English, PSHE and Science. Take a look at the next 2 pages for the range of subjects we can offer as either Learn and Present or Explore days.

AVAILABLE ALL
YEAR ROUND

All classes that take
part in a Learn and
Present day receive
a certificate!

LEARN AND PRESENT

✓ 1 class for the whole day.

✓ Intensive learning

✓ Children work on our Learn and Present script.

✓ Create a performance to present to the whole school & parents.

✓ Use of props, costume and music.

✓ Certificate awarded to the class at the end of the day.

✓ Extra skills developed including team work, communication, confidence and problem solving.

EXPLORE

✓ Up to 4 classes take part.

✓ Each class gets a 60 – 90 minute workshop.

✓ Fast-paced way to cover lots of children in 1 day.

✓ Can cover more than 1 topic in a day choose up to 4!

✓ Content is planned based on your needs.

✓ Extra skills developed including team work, communication, confidence and problem solving.

YOUR TOPIC IN JUST ONE DAY!

AVAILABLE TOPICS

If you like the idea of covering a topic in just 1 day, giving your pupils a wow starter and a really memorable educational experience, then keep reading! Take a look at the topics we have available and get in touch.

Choose your format – Learn and Present or Explore.
Choose your topic/s. Learn and Present is 1 topic in 1 day. Explore can be more than 1!
Give us a call to book in your preferred date.
(Ask about discounts for multiple day bookings!)

Using the Explore format, you can select up to 4 topics to be covered in 1 day and make the most of your Explore experience.

HISTORY

- Ancient Greeks
- Anglo Saxons
- Early Islamic Civilisations
- The Egyptians
- The Great Fire of London
- Florence Nightingale
- Knights and Castles
- The Mayans
- Pirates
- The Plague
- Pool of Life
History of Liverpool
- The Romans
- Stone Age to Iron Age
- The Tudors
- The Victorians
- The Vikings
- World War II

ENGLISH

- Alice in Wonderland
- A Christmas Carol
- Macbeth
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Peter Pan
- Poetry
- Roald Dahl
- Romeo and Juliet
- Shakespeare
Life and work overview

SCIENCE

- The Earth & Beyond
- Healthy Eating
- Powerful Plants
- Talking Rubbish
The 3 Rs
- Under the Sea

PSHE/SMSC

- Anti-Bullying
- British Values
The Law
- British Values
Democracy
- British Values
Individual Liberty & Mutual Respect
- Friendship & Cooperation
- Money Matters
- Respect
- Road Safety
- Superheroes and Justice
- Transition from Year 6

Discounts are available for multiple bookings.



**AVAILABLE
IN NOVEMBER**



ANTI-BULLYING PERFORMANCES

Performances for Key Stage 1 & 2

45 minute performance for everyone in the school hall

Resource pack for use back in class

FREE workshop for one targeted class

Every year we take a stand against bullying, offering schools performances which support pupils' learning and understanding. All of our anti-bullying performances are suitable for children from Reception to Year 6 and all explore physical, verbal and cyber bullying.

Children watch the performance together in the school hall, helping them to develop their understanding about the causes and effects of bullying and giving you plenty to talk about back in class. The follow-up workshop gives one targeted group of children the chance to do more in depth exploration of the subject.

You can book additional workshops after the performance too.

4 great shows to choose from:

- ***Superhero School***
- ***You, Me and Us***
- ***Noise Keepers***
- ***Brand new show linked to the Anti-Bullying Alliance Theme for the year***

"Excellent. One of the best and most powerful performances I have seen. 10 out of 10."

Mark Lloyd, Year 5 teacher,
Cambridge Road Primary

"What an excellent performance, a brilliant way to get a very important message across. 10+ out of 10"

Jillian Weatherston,
Marsh Green Primary, Wigan

**Available in
September and
February**

E-SAFETY PERFORMANCES

Performances for Key Stage 1 & 2

45 minute performance for everyone in the school hall

Resource pack for use back in class

FREE workshop for one targeted class

E-Safety is a growing concern for all schools and we think a drama performance is a fantastic way to highlight the issues and teach children important messages.

We offer 2 different performances each year - one for each Key Stage. Both plays explore issues including use of apps and games, privacy settings and keeping personal information safe online, cyber-bullying and who to go to for support and guidance if you feel unsafe online. For more information about the specific performances available this year take a look at our website.

Children watch the performance and take part in a question and answer session. We then offer follow up workshops which give children the chance to explore, discover and ask questions. Through thinking about the actions of the characters in the play, children develop their understanding of the choices available to them online and the potential consequences of these.

EYES OPEN – DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS FOR YEAR 6

Performances for Year 6

2 hour performance & workshop package

Follow up resource pack for use back in class

Eyes Open has been touring schools since 2008 and is a proven way to engage Year 6 pupils in exploring drug and alcohol use.

The play is narrated by Ellie, an 11 year old girl who has just made the transition into high school. Through Ellie's family, pupils develop their understanding of legal and illegal drugs and alcohol, and across this fun and hard-hitting play, the consequences of drug and alcohol misuse are made clear for pupils.

Following the performance, pupils take part in a workshop where they work with the actors to explore the choices made by the characters and develop their understanding and opinions about drugs and alcohol.

"Covered a variety of legal/illegal drugs. The message was delivered in a poignant manner."

Andre Drury,
St Clare's Primary, Manchester

**AVAILABLE IN
MAY & JUNE**



Inspire the whole school
to read with a performance
of a classic text.

The same fun and excitement
as a panto, but with a brilliant
educational twist.

CLASSIC TALES RETOLD

Performances for the whole school

60 minute performance for everyone in the school hall

Live music, original songs, great fun and audience participation

Perfect for Christmas

At Altru we are passionate about inspiring children to read – and so each year we take a classic text and turn it into a new, original performance for schools. We tour each show at Christmas and then make it available across the following year to celebrate events like World Book Day, National Storytelling Week and National Share a Story Month.

The performance is brought to you by 4 professional actors who turn your school hall into an exciting theatre space. The show is fun and engaging, full of original songs and loads of audience participation. We bring the panto atmosphere to school, but our shows are also educational and inspiring – the perfect balance!

We can also offer follow up workshops (or stand-alone workshops) exploring storytelling, character, structure or any aspect of a classic text.

2 great shows to choose from:

- *The Emperor's New Clothes*
- *Robin Hood*

"Great show that was
suitable for all children
from Reception to Year
6 (and adults!) Lots of
comments from everyone
saying it's the best
play we've ever had"

Deputy Head Teacher,
Belfield Primary, Rochdale

Perfect for
KS2 development

THE MONKEY PROJECT

"We didn't want it to end! As a way into creative writing I don't think I've seen better."

Mr Lineton, English Manager,
St Anne's Stanley Primary School

**Builds confidence,
attitude to learning
& team work as well
as writing skills**

An 8 week writing project

Uses drama activities, modelling and group writing to teach & embed skills

Culminates in a performance of your pupils' work by our actors

Optional SPaG sessions during the project

The Monkey Project is our big literacy project – which offers huge results for schools. The Monkey Project works by getting children excited about writing; engaging them in fast paced drama workshops which fire their imaginations and encourage them to be creative.

Each session is a combination of drama games, activities which model good writing and individual writing time, where children write a new story each week in their own Monkey Journal.

At the end of the school sessions we take away all of the Monkey Journals and read each story. We then select around 20 stories and create a performance which the children watch, during which each child is credited as the author of their story. Children watch in amazement as their stories are turned into songs, poems, raps, dramas, comedies, trailers and news reports.

We now offer the option to add Drama for SPaG sessions into your Monkey Project. You can start with SPaG workshops and then move into a shortened Monkey format where children demonstrate their learning in their pieces of writing.

**AVAILABLE
ALL YEAR**



**AVAILABLE ALL
YEAR ROUND**

DRAMA FOR SPaG

*Book a 1 day workshop,
a term-long project or
a whole year of work.*

Suitable for KS1 & 2

Perfect for Year 6 in the lead up to SATs

Weekly delivery or 1 intensive day

Here at Altru, we love English and we believe that drama can be used to teach all aspects of the English curriculum to great success – including SPaG!

Drama for SPaG is a workshop (or series of workshops) using drama games and activities to help children learn SPaG rules and techniques.

Drama for SPaG workshops use innovative activities to enhance and embed skills in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Children get to try out a whole range of ideas and skills in a practical way, and then apply these ideas to written work back in class. We have 11 years' experience of working with children and our Artistic Director is a former English teacher, so you can be certain that Altru sessions will always be accurate, educational, engaging and accessible.

Book either a Drama for SPaG project or a Drama for SPaG day and choose the topics you'd like to work on. These might include:

- **Perfect and progressive tense**
- **Expanded noun phrases**
- **Conjunctions**
- **Active and passive voice**
- **Fronted adverbials**
- **Subordinate clauses**
- **Word classes**

.....to name just a few!

"Drama is an excellent way for children to learn. The pace and progress throughout the lesson was excellent and the enthusiasm from Kate was truly motivating."

Mrs Baxter, Assistant Head,
Ravenbank Primary, Warrington

DRAMA PROJECTS FOR EYFS

We're excited to introduce new projects to inspire and engage those in the Early Years and Foundation Stage.

"A fun and energetic workshop. All children thoroughly enjoyed and gained knowledge."

Mount Primary, Wirral

AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

HANSEL AND GRETEL

An exciting 45 minute performance - designed especially with Early Years learning in mind.

Our actors bring the traditional tale to life for your pupils in your school hall. The performance uses music and puppetry and your pupils become part of the cast as they play the birds, create the sounds of the forest and sing the travelling song with Hansel and Gretel.

The performance starts with an introduction to the puppets and with your pupils learning the song. Following this, everyone watches and joins in with the story, and afterwards children ask and answer questions about what they have seen and heard.

The performance is clearly linked to the key areas of learning and development and the Early Learning Goals set out in the EYFS Statutory Framework. The curriculum links document is available on our website or get in touch to request a copy.

"What an enjoyable, hilarious production! Thanks Altru Drama for an audience full of joyful faces!"

Freehold Primary School, Oldham

EYFS WORKSHOPS – YOU CHOOSE THE TOPIC


No matter what you are exploring in EYFS, we can create a workshop which will help your pupils explore and play. We'll use role-play, puppetry, music and song to bring topics to life and make learning accessible for all.

To date we've developed and delivered workshops on topics as diverse as:

- **Healthy Eating**
- **Peter Pan**
- **Traditional Tales**
- **Mini Beasts**
- **Pirates**
- **Transport**

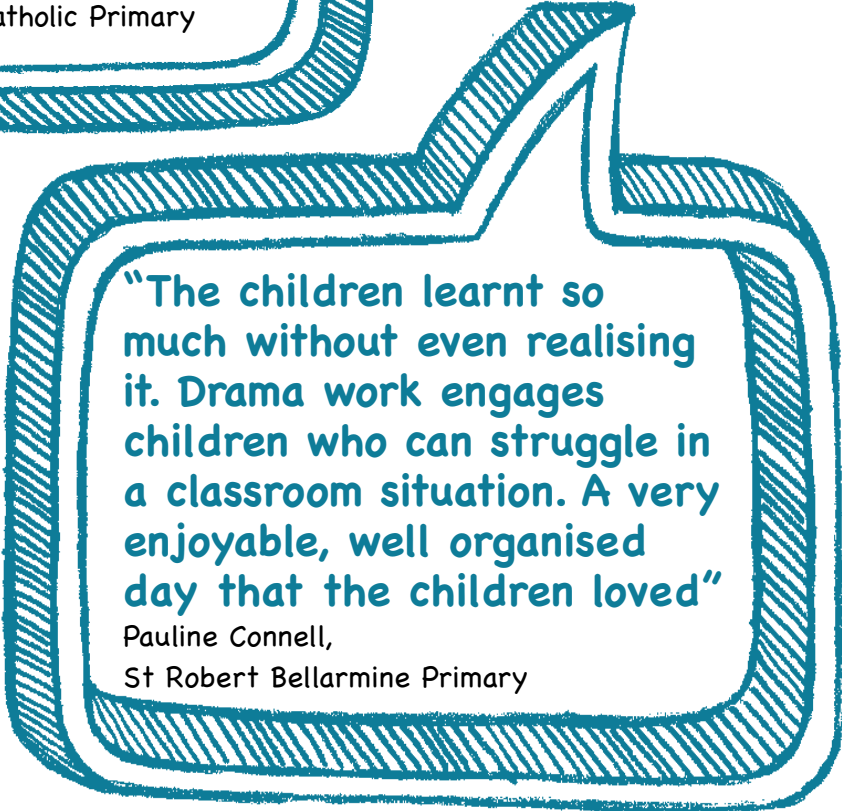
Workshops last for an hour and we can deliver multiple workshops in a half day or full day. When you book in the project, we'll ask you about your learning goals and then develop a session plan to meet those needs. All sessions allow children to make progress across the 3 key areas of learning and development and use expressive arts techniques to help develop imagination and encourage a love of learning.





"The best outside agency
we've ever had in; an
absolute pleasure to watch
and an incredibly enjoyable
experience for the children"

Mrs O'Neill, St Mary's Catholic Primary



"The children learnt so
much without even realising
it. Drama work engages
children who can struggle in
a classroom situation. A very
enjoyable, well organised
day that the children loved"

Pauline Connell,

St Robert Bellarmine Primary

Contact Us:

Call or email us today to arrange a free consultation with one of our creative team, and we can discuss the projects, workshops and performances that can bring lasting benefit to your pupils.

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