



Embracing Arts - School Workshops

Learn, Create, Explore...

We all learn in different ways! At Embracing Arts, we make our workshops accessible to all, encouraging creativity and communication through sensory performance.





Who are Embracing Arts?

Embracing Arts was founded by West End performers and experienced facilitators Claire Sundin and Sue Appleby. The company was born out of a shared passion for delivering the highest quality theatrical experiences, shows and workshops to children with a range of care, educational and access needs. Embracing Arts Workshops originated from the positive response to our annual festive project Christmas for Kids, which, since 2009, has brought interactive and sensory shows to children with complex care and educational needs and life-limiting illness, and currently serves over 140 children's hospices and SEND schools UK-wide.

"That was an amazing interaction, probably the best all year!"

– Teacher, St Nicholas School

About our workshops

Embracing Arts Workshops are unique in their quality and design, with our creative and facilitation teams bringing specialised expertise to each and every session. When you book a workshop with us, you can choose a topic from our menu of sensory adventures, or our Creative Director can design a new workshop specially crafted around your chosen topic. Our workshops are created around a basic framework which can be adapted to the needs of the pupils. We take an organic approach to our delivery, guided by the participants and their responses. We aim to engage and improve communication and self-expression through sensory exploration and we incorporate puppetry, music, singing, sensory activities and storytelling to bring each subject to life.

"I noticed that the pace and content of the workshop was perfect to engage all the students, even those with the most complex needs. It was a perfect balance of music, tactile resources to explore and simple storytelling, and adequate time was given for every child to process what they were experiencing and to communicate how they felt about it"

– Teacher KS1, St Nicholas School

Why choose us?

The team which creates and delivers Embracing Arts workshops has over 20 years of experience of working with children of all ages and abilities in a theatrical context. Our Workshops team, led by experienced actor-facilitator Claire Sundin, brings a range of skills encompassing the theatrical, musical and educational. The whole team understands the importance of communication, interaction and engagement for every child, taking into account the specific needs of each class and individual.



Workshop themes

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All our workshops are set around a framework that can be adapted to the needs of the children in your class. Please let us know if there is a specific element of the session you would like us to focus on.

Here is a selection of the workshops we offer:

- SEASIDE
- JUNGLE
- UNDER THE SEA
- AFRICA STORY: HOW ANANSI BECAME A SPIDER
- KINGS & QUEENS
- A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM
- LUNA AND THE STARS: ENCHANTED FOREST
- HALLOWEEN
- JACK & THE BEANSTALK
- BONFIRE NIGHT
- SEASONS
- PIRATES
- SUPERHEROES
- MUSICALS
- FAIRYTALES
- SPACE
- WINTER WONDERLAND
- and many more...





Costs



Delivered In Person
Duration: approx. 45 minutes
One-off session: £135
Consecutive sessions: £125

If your booking requires planning for bespoke sessions, we may need to make a small extra charge. This will be quoted to you at the time of booking.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact:
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"The workshops are beneficial as it is a chance for the children in my class to work with new people who are experienced at engaging them, which develops their social and communication skills. If this was provided on a regular basis the quality of the content of these workshops would develop the children's interaction skills, their understanding of the world around them, and their ability to communicate their preferences and dislikes which is essential for their wellbeing and self-esteem".

- Teacher KS3, St Nicholas School

