



Embracing Arts

Who are Embracing Arts?

Embracing Arts was founded by experienced performers and facilitators, Claire Sundin and Sue Appleby. The company grew 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 200 children's hospices and SEND schools UK-wide.



About our work

Embracing Arts Workshops, Parties and Shows are unique in their quality and design, with our Creative and Facilitation teams bringing specialised expertise to each and every session. We know how difficult it can be to find a company able to accommodate the needs of every child alongside providing sessions created specifically for them. We want every child to feel special, whether it's on their birthday, as part of a community celebration or extending their learning in the classroom.

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 theme to life.

We bring our sessions to you, in a venue or space where your community feels most comfortable.

“It's such a gift to find a company who celebrate complex needs and just do what's needed to ensure everyone is included and can enjoy a party”



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 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.

Curriculum, PSHCE & STEM Workshops

- The Colour Monster – self awareness & emotional regulation
- Let's Connect – teamwork & communication
- Travel
- Space
- Kings & Queens
- Sock Puppet Making

Themes & Pricing



Seasonal Workshops

- Halloween
- Winter Wonderland
- The Seasons
- Under The Sea
- Seaside
- Bonfire Night

Sensory Stories

- Circus
- Jungle
- Musicals
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Anansi the Spider
- Fairytales
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Superheroes
- Pirates
- Gabby's Dollhouse

All of our offerings take the format of a very simple narrative exploring the particular theme. We work to a basic framework but are guided by the pupil's responses, taking time with each individual and making an offer of engagement. If they choose to accept the offer we help them explore that particular sensory element. It's a very organic way of working with the children, adapting as we go along. We use lots of music and some singing to enhance the experience.

Half Day Booking from £525

Whole Day Booking from £875

Ts & Cs on all bookings:

- Ideal for schools & community groups requiring multiple sessions per day
- Each session is a 45-minute sensory exploration, with 15 minutes changeover allowing for a smooth transition between sessions
- Price is dependent on the number of students per workshop – either under 10 or 10+ per workshop
- If your booking requires planning for bespoke themes not listed, there may be extra charges which will be quoted to you at the time of booking
- If overnight accommodation is required or you are out of our South East England catchment area, relevant charges will be added to your quote

The Booking Process

We work closely with all our clients to make sure you are getting the right session for the needs of the children in your care

When you book 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. We will discuss with you which of our sessions best suits your requirements. We will then provide you with a quote for the full cost of your booking.



Once the date, theme and price have been agreed we will send a booking form for you to complete and return. Please note that your booking is not 100% confirmed until we have received your completed booking form.

Upon receipt of the booking form, we will confirm your booking and raise the invoice which is to be paid in advance of the event date.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact workshops@embracingarts.org.uk

“The pace and content of the workshop was perfect to engage all the students, even those with the most complex needs.”