



“*Best school trip I have ever taken a class on! Their staff take care of everything. The children were engaged from start to finish and their behaviour was brilliant. Highly recommended and will definitely be returning!*”

- Lynsey Pinch, Woodlands Primary

Discover the power of stories...

Rainbow Factory: Education Programme

2017 - 2018

The Rainbow Factory in Farsley, Leeds, is a unique attraction specialising in storytelling through the creative arts. It aims to inspire a love of reading and encourage youngsters to use their imagination.

www.rainbowfactorykids.com/education

Our Mission!

We believe in the power of storytelling and imagination. Our mission is to:

- ✓ Inspire children to develop and expand a love of reading, by exploring stories through the creative arts.
- ✓ Deliver high-quality, unique, educational sessions.
- ✓ Play a part in improving literacy standards, by offering youngsters a different learning dynamic.
- ✓ Support all of our young visitors, whatever their level of ability.



Please note that our Rainbow Factory Education practitioners are highly experienced at working with young people both in schools and the wider community. They are all fully trained and hold current DBS certificates.

Our Programmes

Are you ready for a school trip like no other? That's good... because no-one else does what we do!

1. School Trips

Discover exciting new ways to explore stories through theatre, interactive storytelling, crafts and more. This unique experience will transport your pupils to other worlds for a day and hopefully beyond! Packages include;

- **Show & Workshops**

We'll kick off with a theatrical performance, followed by workshops inspired by your package theme,.

- **Themed Workshops**

These packages enable your children to be part of an immersive experience, through engaging character-led workshops.

From £9.50 per pupil. For up to 120 pupils. 4hrs.

2. Theatre In Education

Enjoy our dynamic productions, as our talented team bring their unique creativity and passion for performance into your school. Your choice of show is followed by engaging workshops, which can be tailored to your chosen topic, theme or book.

£399. For 30 to 100 pupils. 2hrs.

3. In-Class Specialist Workshops

Invite one of our experts into your school to share their knowledge and experience. We'll help to expand and enrich pupils' understanding of a particular topic or theme. We have specialists in Interactive Storytelling & Creative Writing, Illustration & Model-Making and Puppetry.

£199. For class of up to 40 pupils. 1.5hrs.

4. End of Term Treat

If you want to come and visit us, but not for a full day, then join us for an end of term treat where the focus is purely on fun!

From £6 per pupil. For up to 120 pupils. 2 hrs.

#1: School Trips

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ **There's nowhere like the Rainbow Factory anywhere in the UK!**
- ✓ Our Creative Space alone inspires children to use their imagination!
- ✓ All activities are led by Rainbow Factory staff, meaning less stress for you.
- ✓ We can structure workshops to suit your curriculum requirements, where possible.

“*Absolutely amazing!! All children and staff left with such big smiles thanks to the fun-filled activities! Would definitely recommend to schools planning a school trip with a bit of sparkle!*

- Lauren Durn, Rothwell St Mary's

- ✓ Our team consists of specialists including published authors, award-winning artists, teachers, performers and a playwright.
- ✓ Your day will feature carefully-planned, fun-packed sessions, which may include:
 - Creative Writing
 - Interactive & Theatrical Storytelling
 - Physical Theatre & Movement
 - Craft & Model-Making
 - Puppetry
 - Illustration

from
Only £9.50
per pupil
min 30, or £285



The Creative Space

Woodland Tales

The children will explore traditional & contemporary stories using stunning handmade models of storybook characters, designed and constructed by our talented in-house artist Richard Underwood.

The Stage

Our stage comes complete with professional lighting, costumes and props. Here youngsters will develop their creative storytelling, music, drama, performance and verbal communication skills. If time permits they may also have chance to showcase their work.

**Some activities are hosted by specific specialist staff members. We always try to accommodate any requests but sessions are subject to staff availability.*

**After our introduction the children are divided into groups. They then move between the different areas of our storytelling wonderland for a series of 20 to 30-minute workshops.*

Rainbow Room

Here the children can practise their writing and illustration skills. In a workshop which underpins key areas of the curriculum, they are invited to develop their own stories and explore what it feels like to be a real-life author!

Creative Kitchen

This area of the factory is filled with craft materials galore! The children will work with our in-house artists to make their own mini masterpiece to take back to school.

**Minimum 30 pupils, or £285*

**Have a particular book in mind? We can structure workshops to suit your curriculum requirements where possible.*

**For exclusive factory hire, minimum is 90 pupils or £855.*

THE RAINBOW FACTORY

TOILETS & BABY CHANGE

STAFF ONLY

WORKSHOP

WE ARE MINIS

MESSY PLAY

STAY & PLAY

STAFF ONLY

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

PINOCCHIO 3 LITTLE PIGS

WOODLAND TALES

CAPTAIN JUNGLE HOOK BOOK

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

BILLY GOATS GRUFF

THE PIG

- GOLDILOCKS -
CREATIVE KITCHEN

- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS -

GINGERBREAD CAFE

CAFE

THE LABYRINTH LIBRARY

STAGE

RECEPTION

TOILETS & BABY CHANGE

GIFT SHOP

STAFF ONLY

RAINBOW ROOM

FANCY DRESS AREA

>>> SECRET GARDEN >>>

PACKAGES: Show & Workshops

We'll kick off with a theatrical performance, followed by workshops inspired by your package theme. Workshops can include illustration with our in-house artist, crafts, theatre games, puppetry, storyboarding and imaginative writing.

1. Little Red Riding Hood - Nursery & EYFS

*In-School
TIE package
available*

Interactive Storytelling

Discover the “truth” behind this much-loved traditional tale, as we retell the story from the two perspectives of Little Red & the Wolf. Is the little girl in red as innocent as she seems? And is the wolf as bad as his reputation suggests?

This show celebrates acceptance, tolerance and bravery, as it explores our characters’ true motivations. It shows children how communication can break down prejudices and promote understanding and friendship.

2. Traditional Tales - EYFS & KS1

*In-School
TIE package
available*

Topsy-Turvy Storybook Kingdom

Journey with the Storybird to the Storybook Kingdom, where a wicked wizard is determined to put an end to all the Happy Ever Afters! Meet Little Red, the Big Bad Wolf, Goldilocks, Gretel and Jack, as their familiar stories are given a topsy-turvy twist.

This show celebrates loyalty, determination and friendship. It offers children the chance to explore alternative versions of stories they know as well as interacting with the characters to understand their motives.

3. Myths & Legends - KS1 & KS2

The Journey of Hercules & Friends

Explore a labyrinth of Greek myths. Sit back and watch the show, then get involved. Workshops can include story dice, myths with a twist, making the Argonauts’ ship, solving the Riddle of the Sphinx and more.

4. Literacy Development & Creative Writing - KS1, KS2 & KS3

*In-School
TIE package
available*

A Story Short

What happens when your life depends on having a story but you find yourself 'a story short'? This is the dilemma facing the storyteller when he lands the job of entertainer to the Queen of Hearts, but finds himself in hot water when his stories run out.

Luckily a mysterious beggar helps him weave a new tale from a series of magical events. Will he survive? And what is the secret ingredient that makes his stone soup so good?

A Story Short is an excellent springboard into the art of storytelling, with its roots in European folk tales. It offers rich figurative language, clever plot twists, humour and occasional flashes of darkness – full of educational opportunities to explore storytelling techniques from the earliest origins. And with its descriptive dialogue, magic tricks, puppetry, larger-than-life characters and a talking cat this original show will both engage and entertain no end!

5. Supporting Science Through Story - KS1 & KS2

CSI: Story Town – Once Upon A Crime

There's trouble in Story Town! A crime has been committed, and everyone is under suspicion, there are the usual suspects; the Witch, the Super Villain, the Big Bad Wolf ...but when the cowboy, the Fairy Godmother & the Alien Peace Envoy have no alibis either, it's clear this is going to be a tough case to crack. Can you help piece together the clues and solve the crime?!

In our special, original production you'll meet lots of character favourites, from a variety of children's books, as each falls under the magnifying glass of suspicion. Using a mixture of Hot-Seating, Data Analysis and Scientific Investigation, children will work through a series of tasks to get to the truth and unmask the true villain.

Ask about the different workshop packages available for KS1, KS2 and KS3.

PACKAGES: Themed Workshops

These themed packages enable your children to be part of an immersive experience, through engaging character-led workshops that will have your children walking the plank, flying like a superhero, digging up the past and reaching for their spy glass.

1. Pirates & Princesses

Ooh-arr me hearties!

Time to walk the plank and delve into stories of swashbuckling pirates and empowered princesses with us. Workshops can include: making salt-dough pirates & princesses, making an eye patch & pirate's hat, pirate training, princess training, the Pirates & Princess Quest and more!

2. Superheroes

Anything is possible

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's our Superhero Experience! Watch in awe as pupils immerse themselves in a world where anything is possible - and everyone wears a cape! These fun-packed activities take inspiration from timeless tales of good versus evil. Workshops can include: making superhero masks and shields; making 'exploding' sandwich bags & 'lava'; superhero & super-villain training, superhero gadget-making, producing a storm in a (tea)cup and more!

3. Horrible Histories

Journey in time

Join us as we journey through time to discover the fun side of some horrible history, inspired by terrific tales of times gone by. Workshops can include: creating a hieroglyph name tablet, training to be a Roman soldier, making a WW2 warship & testing whether it floats, designing a WW2 air craft, creating an Aztec calendar and more!

4. Spies & Detectives

Uncover the truth

Do you know anyone that wants to be a secret agent? Are your pupils inquisitive characters that would relish the opportunity to uncover the truth? Well we have some top secret 'intel' for you! These workshops can include: solving the 'crime' during detective training, learning the tricks of the trade in our CSI skills workshop, taking fingerprints & footprints, solving a mystery using chromatography, making Secret Club badges, mask-making and more!

Can't spot your topic here? Why not ask if we can adapt our workshops to suit your theme?

Example Timetable

Please Note: Timings and session content may differ from those detailed below.

TIME*	10.00 – 11:00am	11:00 – 11:20am	11:20 – 11:30am	11:30 – 11:50am	11:50 – 12:00pm	12:00 – 12:30pm	12:30 – 12:45pm	12:45 – 1:05pm	1:05 – 1:15pm	1:15 – 1:35pm	1.35 – 2/2.15pm
	Theatre show/Intro & division into groups.	SESSION 1	GROUP ACTIVITY	SESSION2	GROUP ACTIVITY	LUNCH	GROUP ACTIVITY	SESSION 3	GROUP ACTIVITY	SESSION4	GROUP ACTIVITY
THE STAGE	ALL CHILDREN & STAFF		ALL CHILDREN & STAFF		ALL CHILDREN & STAFF		ALL CHILDREN & STAFF		ALL CHILDREN & STAFF		ALL CHILDREN & STAFF
THE WOODLAND TALES		GROUP 1		GROUP 4				GROUP3		GROUP2	
THE CREATIVE KITCHEN		GROUP 2		GROUP 1				GROUP4		GROUP3	
THE STAGE		GROUP 3		GROUP2				GROUP1		GROUP4	
THE RAINBOW ROOM		GROUP 4		GROUP3				GROUP2		GROUP 1	

*Please note this is a sample timetable only, sessions and activities will depend on artists' availability and schools' requests. Children will be split into 3 or 4 groups.

#2: Theatre In Education

We aim to inspire and empower...

Our Theatre In Education (TIE) sessions fit perfectly into any school hall, bringing creative storytelling techniques to your door and encouraging pupils to step in.

We can accommodate audiences of between 30 and 100 – for morning or afternoon bookings.

All programmes are tailored to meet curriculum targets and enhance key literacy skills.

“*Engagement in fun activities creates a desire to learn, leading to a **‘development of engagement in learning’** - Bowdoin USA*”

The Show

We will perform an educational and fun-packed show for you, at your school. All of the Rainbow Factory's productions are interactive, original and enchanting and aim to help you to meet key education targets.

The Workshops

After the show, we will provide accompanying workshops. These engaging, practical sessions offer pupils the opportunity to develop their own storytelling skills. We aim to inspire them to unleash their imagination and discover their inner storyteller!

The Packages

We offer three packages that aim to inspire children with a love of story.
See School Trip Packages for more details.

from
Only £399
max 100 pupils

#3: In-Class Specialist Workshops



“Enrichment is increasingly understood as having a potentially significant impact on the intellectual, social and psychological well-being of students.”

- Bowdoin USA

Looking for exciting new ways to inspire pupils' creativity? Why not invite our talented specialists into your school?

Our experts will share their knowledge through interactive and dynamic workshops, to help expand and enhance pupils' understanding of a particular topic or theme.

Enriching the curriculum

We have specialists in;

- ✓ Theatrical Storytelling & Creative Writing
- ✓ Illustration & Model-Making
- ✓ Puppetry

We'll work around your subject objectives to deliver an enriching workshop to support in-class learning.

You tell us which subject you'd like us to cover and we'll do the rest...



WORKSHOPS:



1. Theatrical Storytelling & Creative Writing

Bruce Sharp (BA Hons, BEd) is our resident playwright who pens most of our original shows. He is a published writer, specialising in Children's Theatre. He has worked extensively in primary schools for over 25 years, developing many programmes to help support creative writing and storytelling.

Our storytelling and creative-writing workshop explores techniques that help build effective story-writing skills, including character and setting development, plot structuring and story engagement. This is done through a mixture of drama, talk and demonstration, ensuring children are immersed and enthused in their own world of stories.

2. Illustration & Model Making

Richard Underwood is our in-house illustrator and model maker, he is responsible for creating the stunning storybook models found throughout the factory, and is the creative mind behind the magical appearance of our storytelling home.

Richard's skills include; drawing, painting, model making computer illustration, creative design, stage design and prop building. Our workshops will have your children drawing and creating with excellent results under Richard's expert guidance and tuition. By breaking down each task into bite-size chunks, he will enable both children and teachers alike to exceed their expectations.

3. Puppetry

As well as a 25-year background in teaching, Bruce has developed a special interest in puppetry both as an educational tool and as an art form. As the founder of the Jester Puppet Company in 2000, he is well versed in delivering puppetry entertainment. Our workshops begin with a short, entertaining show, followed by an up-close demonstration and talk about the puppets and their workings. The children will then have an opportunity to design and build their own puppets under Bruce's tuition.

#4: End-of-Term Treat

Half-Day School Trip

If you fancy a trip focused on fun - look no further!

As well as being perfect for school trips, the Rainbow Factory is also tailor-made for a end-of-term treat.

A Magical Two Hours!

Whether your pupils have worked their socks off on their SATs or just deserve a reward for all their efforts, why not whisk them away to our storytelling wonderland for two magical hours?

A Special Performance

We'll kick things off with a special theatrical performance, then follow it up with an exciting activity. This could be arts & crafts, drama, or an interactive story.

from
Only £6
per pupil
min 60, or £360

“*Excellent school trip to the Rainbow Factory. They took care of everything. Our year 3 children didn't want to leave.*

- Claire Smith, St Andrew's, Derbyshire