

# Dandelion Learning

## Training 2019-20

Pet Henshaw and Tre Christopher are the founders of Dandelion Learning. We deliver high quality Literacy training and support for schools across the UK. Our goal is to support schools to make a real difference to the lives of their children. We are passionate about teaching and learning and are committed to helping schools to realise each and every pupil's full potential. Our training is engaging, interactive and highly regarded.



### **Coffee, Cakes and Updates! English Subject Leader Meetings Choice of Dates and Venues (All meetings 1.30pm till 3.30pm) £59+VAT**

Up to date information on leading English including assessment and the latest from Ofsted. Meetings also provide opportunities to network and examples of inspirational resources to use in classrooms!

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Edward Passmore Institute Hayle
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - China Fleet, Saltash
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Pavillion Centre, Wadebridge
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – The Sands Hotel, Newquay
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - The Falmouth Hotel, Falmouth

December Meetings will focus on:

- Are you ready for a 'Deep Dive' in Reading? The questions Ofsted will be asking!
- Reflections on the Reading SATs test results - what made the difference?
- Brilliant ideas to support Reading for Pleasure developed by the National Literacy Trust.
- Inspiring resources to support you as an English Leader including - The Monkey-Proof Box: Curriculum Design for Building Knowledge, Developing Creative Thinking and Promoting Independence Book by Jonathan Lear.
- The importance of reading non-fiction for pleasure and great non-fiction books to share.

### **Speaking Stories, Talking Texts: Raising Standards in Writing**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at The Sands Hotel, Newquay**

This course will explore the use of Storytelling for narrative and 'Talking the Text' to improve non-fiction writing. We will also examine the teaching sequence for planning for storytelling and example plans for KS1 and KS2. The day will include an opportunity to consider how to use quality texts to address next steps arising from assessment and the grammar curriculum and reflect on how to teach *Invention* to ensure successful independent writing.

### **Phonics First on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at The Sands Resort in Newquay**

This course will:

- Examine how successful schools have ensured impact on pupil progress through rigorous and consistent approaches to phonics teaching and learning.
- Give teachers and TAs confidence in phonics terminology and subject knowledge.
- Provide a wealth of practical games and activities to use immediately in the classroom.
- Explore the teaching sequence for phonics and progression in learning linked to Letters and Sounds.
- Examine assessment of phonics to ensure this feeds accurately into next steps for teaching and learning.

## **Developing Early Reading**

**For Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Teachers and Teaching Assistants**

**Tuesday 26th November 2019 or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at The Sands Hotel, Newquay**

Ofsted's new School Inspection Handbook pays particular attention to the teaching of early reading and Inspectors will focus on how well pupils are taught to read as a main inspection activity.

This course will explore a range of active strategies for developing reading comprehension in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to ensure pupils read for meaning. We will examine the effective use of questioning, give teachers practical techniques to broaden and deepen pupils' understanding of vocabulary and share tried and tested techniques for engaging reluctant readers to create lifelong readers who read for pleasure.

'I'd describe reading as the linchpin of a good education.

Children who can read learn through their own reading. If they can't read, they can't grasp other subjects properly. And reading empowers children, giving them independence to discover what most interests them. So, when you make a reader, you give them the world.'

Amanda Spielman  
Ofsted's Chief Inspector

**'Lots of practical, exciting activities that are easily adaptable for use throughout the school.'**

Katie Bowen - St Ives Junior

## **Spell It! – Now Includes Top Tips for Teaching Handwriting and Editing**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 or Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel, Newquay**

This day will focus on active strategies for teaching spelling from Year 2 to Year 6. It will explore how a systematic spelling programme can support pupils to become competent spellers increasing their confidence as writers. We will explore practical ideas for how to develop spelling in the classroom as well as the latest resources to support learning. For Year 2 and Key Stage 2 teachers.

## **Grammar for Year 2 and Key Stage 2 teachers and Teaching Assistants**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel, Newquay.**

This training will provide teachers with a clear understanding of grammar in the curriculum and the expected standards from Year 2 to Year 6. The day will also give teachers confidence in grammatical subject knowledge and terminology.

We will explore techniques to ensure pupils succeed in the end of Key Stage Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests whilst fostering a love of grammar!



**Loads of really excellent ideas for the classroom. I think the children will really benefit and enjoy the changes implemented as a result of this session.** Emma Reburn –Treloweth School

## **KS1 SATs Success! Creating Wonderful Writers and Remarkable Readers whilst preparing for the End of Key Stage 1 2020 National English Assessment**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel , Newquay or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Mellion International Resort, Saltash.

This practical day will provide an opportunity for Year 2 teachers to explore fun, active strategies to prepare pupils for the end of Key Stage 1 assessments whilst developing confident, successful readers and writers.



**'I always leave these sessions with tons of activities ready to implement in class the next day. Much needed inspiration for those issues you've spent sleepless nights trying to solve.'**

H. Roden, Trevisker Primary School

**'It is safe to say my classroom practice will change tomorrow as a result of yet another resourceful and practical day with Tre and Pet.'**

O. Bartlett, Ernesettle Community School

## **KS2 SATs Success! Creating Inspired Writers and Avid Readers whilst preparing for the End of Key Stage 2 2020 National English Assessment**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel , Newquay or Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Mellion International Resort, Saltash.

This practical day will provide an opportunity for Year 6 teachers to explore engaging and motivating strategies to prepare pupils for the end of Key Stage 2 assessments whilst developing confident, successful readers and writers.

## **Catch-Up Phonics for Key Stage 2 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Sands Hotel, Newquay**

Ofsted will now pay particular attention to pupils who are reading below age related expectations to assess how well the school is teaching phonics and supporting all children to become confident, fluent readers. This course will examine strategies and resources for supporting pupils who have gaps in phonic knowledge and skills. We will explore materials to support assessment and screening for phonics as well as progression through the phases. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on how intervention for phonics is best organised and managed to ensure that pupils catch up and keep up.

## **Reading Revolution Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel, Newquay**

This will be a really practical day full of strategies to use immediately back in the classroom!

During this day we will:

- Examine techniques for developing reading including Reciprocal Reading and Whole Class Novel Study.
- Explore the Guided Reading teaching sequence.
- Reflect on activities for developing comprehension as well as revisiting the use of questioning.
- Investigate the importance of using quality texts and advice on choosing the best resources.

## **Empowering Struggling Readers and Writers in the Primary Phase**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel, Newquay**

This course will explore ways to scaffold literacy effectively to ensure pupils who struggle in English make good progress. We will explore the concept of neurodiversity and in particular examine strategies to support pupils with dyslexia. This day is suitable for teachers, Teaching Assistants, SENDCos and English Subject Leaders who wish to disseminate this information back in school.



## Raising Standards in Writing through the Use of Guided Writing, Developing Vocabulary and Editing

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at The Sands Resort Hotel, Newquay**

This will be a really practical day full of strategies to use immediately back in the classroom!

During this day we will:

- Examine the teaching sequence for Guided Writing.
- Consider activities for developing writing linked to writing assessments.
- Share tried and tested strategies for developing vocabulary across the school.
- Explore effective strategies for teaching editing to raise standards in writing.

### **B is for Boys! Raising boys' engagement and attainment in the Early Years.**

**Alistair Bryce Clegg is back!**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Bedruthan Hotel, Newquay**

Not all boys are the same, but many display common characteristics that can challenge the way that they are encouraged to learn and behave in the Early Years. During this training session Alistair will be looking at some of the science and psychology around the development of boys and role that adults can play in using this information to create environment that enables learning. High level engagement will maximise the potential for high levels of wellbeing and attainment. How do we ensure that we make this a reality for all of the children that we work and play with?

Main delegate: £199 (+VAT). Second + delegates £149 (+VAT)

**'I can safely (and a bit sadly) say that in 20+ years in education that I have never felt so inspired to leave a training event and immediately need to thank the speaker personally, sign up to a mailing list, buy a book and put a date in my diary to access another conference 15 months in advance! Can't wait to inspire my team tomorrow.'** - Sue



**Unless specified all courses:** £169 +VAT. Second delegates: £109+VAT. Teaching Assistants may attend at the subsidised rate of £89 (+VAT)

Courses run from 9.30am till 3.30pm (coffee from 9.00am) and include a two course lunch.

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