



Let's Explore!

Workshops

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Discover.
Nurture.
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What is 'Let's Explore'!?

Let's Explore! is Potential Plus UK's programme of workshops aimed specifically at high learning potential children. We understand that these children need opportunities to take part in creative and critical thinking activities as well as:

Analyse

Evaluate

Ask questions...

...and use their imaginations!

With this in mind we have created a selection of specialist workshops that can be fitted into the school day. We have workshops available for all Key Stages—including Foundation and Early Years. Our 2014 programme of activities are listed in this leaflet, with a brief outline of each one.

Let's Explore! Facts and Figures

In the last 12 months Let's Explore! has:

- Received a 97% good or excellent rating from those children and young people who took part
- Of those who took part, a staggering 90% said they would like to do it all again!

We have deliverers placed around the country, so please contact us to enquire about your nearest Potential Plus UK trained deliverer.

"Working with Potential Plus UK is always a pleasure – staff are extremely friendly, helpful and willing to adapt ideas to make sure they suit the needs of the school and the Creative and Critical Thinking programmes they put together are always innovative and intriguing."

C. J. Simister, Director, Cognitive Development Programme,
Northwood College



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Creative and critical thinking activities for children with high learning potential

Shapes and Sizes

Pre-School

Use squares, triangles and circles to make pictures and collages. Measure yourself, your feet, your hands and see what pictures can be made with their images.

Under the Sea

Pre-School & KS1

Join Nemo and the gang to explore the creatures of the ocean through song and dance. Make your own fantastic fish to join you on a journey of discovery in the Great Barrier Reef.

Alien Party

Pre-School & KS1

Design your own alien. What shape is it, what colour is it? Does it have any arms and legs, how many eyes does it have? Using paint, colouring pens, or collage materials, design an alien from a far away planet. As a small group or class think about what your aliens would like to eat and then invite your aliens for a tea party. Eat the alien food you have made and play some alien inspired party games!

Around the World in 80 Days

KS1

Create your own passport and method of transport as we take a journey to some of the world's most famous cities, including London and Paris. Explore their language and culture through a series of fun games, activities and challenges. Discover the flags of each country we visit and design your own flag to take home with you.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

KS1

Come and explore all things furry as we take part in an adventure! Make your very own wanted poster to catch the bear as well as other fun activities such as songs, story-time and arts & crafts. You will even make a bear puppet to take home with you! Watch this fantastic story come to life before your very eyes!

Artistic Maths

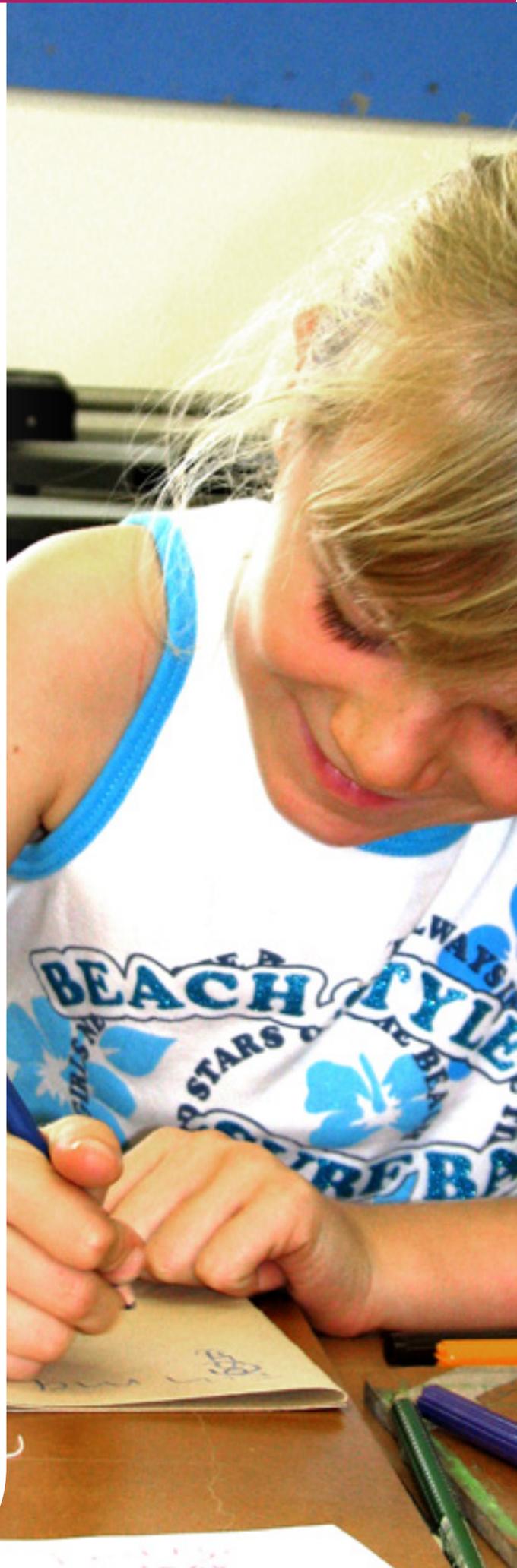
KS1 & KS2

Think you can't create art? Love maths and numbers? Did you know you can actually do both AND have fun? Join this fun workshop and create your own cool 3D maths models to take home. Prove you can do art and be mathematical.

Horrid History

KS1 & KS2

Zoom back in time as we explore the key moments throughout history – with the horrible bits left in! Learn about hieroglyphics from ancient Egypt, the six wives of the fattest King of England, and just how rotten those Romans really were. Come away with foul facts to puzzle your friends. A love for history is a must!



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Living on the Moon

KS1 & KS2

Earth's population has increased dramatically and space on this planet is at a premium. As a team you need to work together to design and build the living quarters for 500 people from Leighton Buzzard. What will they need? How can you plan it?

Monolith Mania

KS1 & KS2

Using a variety of materials can your team build a structure to rival the Eiffel Tower? But be warned, you have a limited 'budget' and resources are expensive. You must first decide what materials you can afford!

Robotic Imaginations

KS1 & KS2

If there could be a robot to do just one job for you, what would you want it to do? Think about the robots you see every day; some work in factories, others in homes; some are toys. What do you think will happen in the future? Let your imagination run wild as you work in groups to design your ultimate robot of the future. What will it look like? What will it be able to do?

Rocket Races

KS1 & KS2

You are an astronaut who is due to fly into space; however the engineers who were making the space rocket have all gone on holiday without finishing it. It is your job to design and make a space rocket that will get you and your fellow astronauts into space safely. Work in teams to model the space rocket from junk and present your space rocket to the rest of the class.

Secret Agents!

KS2

Special agents wanted! Must be interested in deciphering secret codes and investigating fingerprints. Knowledge of invisible ink is a must! Can you create a code to rival the famous Enigma machine?

Story Crafting

KS2

This is a lively and interactive story telling session. The children will hear a range of traditional stories from around the world and then, using these stories, the children will explore story structures and how to 'break away from print' and become storytellers!

Bridge the Gap

KS2

How good are you at making bridges from everyday materials. Can they hold weight? Can you make them stronger? Or longer? Work in small teams to solve these creative challenges. It's fun!



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Cartoon Creations

KS2 & KS3

Put your writing and drawing to the test as you get creative with cartoons. Think about why cartoons are so popular and look at a variety of cartoon styles, from political, manga and children's comic books. Work in teams to develop your main characters and develop a storyline. Let your creative juices flow as you bring your characters to life on the page.

Communication Conundrums

KS2 & KS3

Become an expert in communication and draw upon your creativity skills on this tongue twisting topic. Can you talk for exactly one minute on any subject? Or complete a group task without talking to each other? Explore all forms of communication through fun and creative activities. By the end you have a better understanding of how you communicate best and how to use your creativity to harness your full potential.

Food for Thought

KS2 & KS3

Have you ever thought about how far your food travels to reach your plate? And does paying more mean that it is better quality and tastes nicer? Come and explore what fair trade means and how it impacts on the food we eat every day. Design an advert to promote fair trade to your local community and roll play a sales meeting between a supermarket manager and two sales representatives, one selling fair trade goods, the other ordinary products. Which retailer will the supermarket stock?

Life on Mars

KS2 & KS3

The year is 2054. Scientists have discovered what they believe is another planet, orbiting in the far depths of our solar system. Currently known as Planet Z, it is your job to investigate this rouge planet. What makes a planet a planet? Work in small teams to use your knowledge of science and geography and a pinch of imagination to create your own planet and aliens that inhabit it. Is there really life out there?

Perplexing Problems & Puzzles

KS2 & KS3

A multitude of problems and puzzles to stimulate both mind and body! Can you transport water across a chasm without spilling it? Can you move an object without touching it? Are you ready for the challenge? But don't forget, the clock is ticking!

Planet of the Martians

KS2 & KS3

You are the script writer for a Children's TV Channel on Mars. You have been asked to write a script about a family of humans who disguise themselves as aliens and live on Mars. Work in groups to write a script for a scene from the programme – it could be a comedy, drama, adventure; it's entirely up to you! Turn your script into a comic book or play to act out.



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The Great Paint Experiment

KS2 & KS3

We need you to conduct an experiment to find the best paint we can use for our art project. Explore ancient paint pigments (including one made from Mummies!) before carrying out your own research, then plan and create a piece of artwork under the theme of 'Exploration'. So, how is paint really made?

Speaking Out

KS2 & KS3

How do you convince someone that your opinion is right? How do you sway an argument in your favour and win over voters? Enter the world of debating, where research and speaking skills combine to give you the confidence and tools to win any argument. Learn how to research and gather vital evidence; as well develop your listening skills, before breaking into teams to debate a current topic. Can your team persuade the voters?

Journalism

KS3 & KS4

Let your creativity flow as you become part of a newspaper company, designing and editing your own newspaper. Work in teams to explore the world of journalism, come up with a name for your newspaper and devise probing questions to ask during your interviews. Research what makes newspapers sell and how to grab readers with an eye catching headline.

Shift Happens

KS3 & KS4

What will Earth be like in the future? Did you know that media analysts forecast that the top 10 jobs of 2010 wouldn't have existed in 2004? Consider the growth of society over the last 100 years and chart its development in areas such as technology and the invention of radio, TV, the internet and social media website Twitter. How will technology change in the next 10 years and how it will impact on society?

The Environment Debate

KS3 & KS4

Earth has become polluted by humans and an inter-galactic force has landed on our planet. They want humans to evacuate and leave Earth to recover. The 'Galactic' envoys must put forward their case for evacuation; whilst the 'Human' delegation must persuade them that things will improve.

Who wants to be an Entrepreneur?

KS3 & KS4

Do you think you have what it takes to enter the Lion's Lair? Work in teams to investigate unique selling points about popular products and what makes people buy them. Try your hand at some market research, before letting your imagination flow by creating and designing a super new product. Present your ideas to your class and the Lion's Lair panel. Which product will they rate the best?



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Important Information

As stand-alone activities they usually last 1 ½ - 2 hours unless otherwise stated. A weekend event would usually comprise 2 x 2 hrs activities

However, all activities can all be adapted to suit the school's timetable if they are to be delivered within school time e.g. session lengths of 1 hour

Maximum of 30 children per workshop

Rates vary depending on whether Potential Plus UK provides one activity leader supported by teachers/assistants during the school day, or whether you would like Potential Plus UK to deliver activities without additional school support during the school day, at the weekend or during school holidays

Potential Plus UK can also quote for a whole year group or several year group event

All Let's Explore! activity leaders and helpers have been checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB)

For more information contact us on 01908 646433 or email amazingchildren@potentialplusuk.org with 'Schools' in the subject box.

