

Hocus and Lotus, the Dinocrocs... an immersive approach to language learning for 3- 8 year olds & non-specialist teachers



'Best language course yet... and I've been on a number! : St Paul's Primary, Cheshire East

'Joan's enthusiasm and passion is just what we needed to enthuse all staff and give them confidence': Browick Road Infant School, Norfolk

A: An introduction to the Dinocrocs approach

Timing: a 90 minute session, suitable for staff meetings or as part of a training day

Staff: teaching and support staff... *no language skills are necessary*

Cost: £120 + mileage from Wymondham @ 45p/mile

This training session is designed for schools who have not begun using the Dinocrocs materials and want to learn more. It will include a light overview of the 'narrative format theory' that was later adapted by Pie Corbett as 'storytelling'. During a practical 'acting out', staff will learn a story in the role of children (no-one speaks on their own) and there will be opportunities to watch film clips of the material being used in schools and to see copies of the materials, with follow up internet links.

- *Should your school choose to adopt the Dinocrocs approach, you can purchase the Level 1 teachers' training manual, classroom DVD and CD for a total of @ £100: giving enough materials for 6 stories, or one year's classroom work. Levels 2-5 are also available for future years. All year groups would begin on Level 1. See www.hocus-lotus.edu for further details .*

B: Learning a Dinocrocs story... ready to teach to a class

Timing: a 90 minutes session, suitable for staff meetings or as part of a training day

Staff: teaching and support staff... *no language skills are necessary.*

Cost: £120 + mileage from Wymondham @ 45p/mile.

- *Schools who have bought at least one level of the Dinocrocs resources will also receive an electronic folder of my extra training materials to supplement the published materials.*

This practical training session is for two categories of schools. Participants will be supported to learn one story well enough to present to a class, mainly practising within the large group or smaller sub-groups.

1. New schools who have committed to the Dinocrocs approach and want to prepare the first two stories in their chosen language (French, Spanish, German, Italian): Story 1 to teaching level; Story 2: overview of self-training.
2. Schools already using the materials, who may have new staff, and who would like a 'refresher' through stories of their choice and language, taken from stories 1-18: 1st story to teaching level, 2nd story: overview of self-training.

A/B: Combining theory with practice in a half-day session

Timing: 1 x 3 hour, suitable for a half day's INSET training

Staff: teaching and support staff...*no language skills are necessary*

Cost: £240 + mileage from Wymondham @ 45p/mile

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This half day's training session is an amalgam of A and B; covering the theory and introduction to 'acting out' in the first 90 minutes and moving immediately to teaching practice so that staff have the confidence to work immediately with a class. This session is suitable for two categories of schools:

1. Schools completely new to the Dinocrocs approach
2. Schools with current or past use of Dinocrocs materials, especially if they have many new staff

For further information/session adaptation/booking... please contact me on: joandickie1@gmail.com