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EVALUATIONS

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Telling Tales - 'how stories and narratives can inspire us'

Session 1 – “Telling Tales in RE: How does narrative inspire religion, and how can it inspire RE?” Lat Blaylock

- Brilliant. Helps children to understand concept at many levels and to identify with their own life and broaden understanding
- Very good. Liked the concept of explorative and outdoor learning and encouraging the children too challenge and consider their way of life
- Good ideas to improve narrative and develop storytelling
- Liked the idea to tell stories outside – forest school etc. Good to use across key stages
- Great session to get me thinking about importance of narrative to understand faith
- Using stories – pure and integral to everything we do
- Thank you for your engaging, inspiring message, will definitely use more narratives in my RE teaching
- Great way to start. I shall tell more stories
- Inspirational speaking. Would have appreciated a little longer to discuss thoughts with colleagues as we went along
- Totally hooked, Great enthusiasm, Very inspiring!
- Really enjoyed listening and feel inspired to broaden my horizon and
- Very thought provoking, thank you. Grateful to benefit from your learning and experience
- So much to take in! Encourage other teachers at school to use more creative/personal story telling
- Hidden messages in a story – as opposed to always talking about the ‘moral’. Religions of the world clips will be really helpful for introducing new religions
- Loved the forest school ideas. Lat is a very inspiring speaker. As I work in KS1 we often have story based lessons I liked the idea about not having a fixed moral for each story but to open it up to a hidden message – what is it?
- Use of stories to begin and end units with knowledge development/further exploration of themes in between
- Excellent, engaging, will definitely look at the 10 little clips
- Links to new Ofsted framework how all subject support reading
- Inspiring, gave lots of ideas to take to lessons
- Lots of good ideas! Great, engaging speaker!
- I loved the idea of linking it to an identity
- Brilliant. I will be using the Sikh story
- This was a great session, good ideas and suggestions about how to apply to classroom
- Extremely engaging! Lovely to see how to use such a easily accessible resource ‘our own voice’ to inspire learning and inspiring religion
- Use of stories – questions and videos. Excellent
- Highlighted the power of narrative and its potential for shape who we are/were/can be
- Idea of expanding horizons through narratives and linking own experiences/ Ideas for stories to use
- Very informative. Made me realise we are doing this more than I thought. Love the links to films such as Harry Potter, Aslan etc
- Inspiring! I’m on the hunt for amazing stories to use now
- Great examples! Helps to give strategies as how to introduce/discuss difficult concepts for children
- Absolutely inspiring on so many levels
- Really interesting. I like the idea of broadening children’s horizons. Also love the idea of outdoor RE
- Useful ideas
- Really interesting – stories told in a meaningful way. Stories to use in school – all relevant for myself and colleagues
- Reinforced how important story telling is for RE
- Interesting how to challenge the ideas of self and making it accessible to the children

Session 2 – Workshop 1

Talk to the animals Katy Staples

- Really useful
- Useful ideas that will inspire EYFS Team and will also work for all years
- Enjoyed developing narrative through puppets
- Great! Really useful to see how simple story telling can introduce many themes
- Lovely to learn new stories to use with early years children
- Useful storytelling ideas and techniques to use across the whole school
- Very inspiring. Loads of good ideas. Will definitely be using this technique for story telling.
- Liked the idea of using props, story sacks etc.
- Great resources suggested and would be good to use across whole school
- Good discussion
- Great story telling, inspired me to make story bags
- Practical and totally relevant
- Lovely ideas and great that we were advised that it had not taken hours to prepare the resources
- Loved the way stories can be used in EYFS and used cross curricular to deepen childrens understanding
- Very clear, practical, fun with great ideas for EY classroom and outdoor practice. Always informative
- Great ideas for using story sacks. Inspired to use our resources/particularly the dolls. Hoops and pictures for questions/answers
- A wonderful session. I have told a story through a persona doll and the children were so focussed and listened really well but I liked the extra props and the children thinking of questions and answers. I've done drama with Yr1 and 2 and they get very silly but I think this will be much more valuable
- Super practical ideas which would create excellent learning opportunities with low pre time
- Very useful and informative. Ideas on how to use stories in EYS and the discussions that can be encouraged and range of activities stemming from the initial story

Time to wonder Katherine Taylor

- Fantastic ideas especially using multi-faith stories
- Lovely ideas and very informative on how to set up and resource
- Great way to deliver a story! Seeing it in action was most helpful
- Very reflective and helpful session
- Enjoyable session, very good to see in action very calming
- Excellent ideas to take away for KS1/EYFS, especially as an introduction to RE
- Very effective and powerful to think about story to cause wonder – engaging in a very visual way
- Great to see this in practice, really inspired now to give it a go
- Really useful. I am looking forward to taking this back to school
- Mesmerising! Would love to try this with the children and encourage them to re-tell their own
- Lovely workshop. Great to see multi-faith stories told in such a calming inspiring way
- Great to meet Katherine and to unpack the possibilities of Godly Play with other faiths
- Use of stories to begin RE units (need to develop script, wonderings, resources and follow up)
- More CPD on this would be a great cluster event
- Interesting way to see stories being told Something worth looking into further
- Great resource for story telling
- Fantastic! Really accessible and could immediately see how these could be applied to my classroom
- Mesmerising, good ideas to develop within your own school
- Modelled examples of what reflective storytelling is. Great session!
- Very calming! Think in a busy world it would be great to give children this think ideas
- Really liked the change of pace. Will be using
- Good session, great concept. Would like to roll out idea across the school but support for staff would be needed. Resourcing would need to be considered.
- Lovely tie to reflect, allowing children to take time and ‘wonder’ about religion
- Practical resources – good ideas to enhance story telling
- Very useful. Lots of ideas to build into RE curriculum and spirituality
- Good ideas to improve storytelling in RE and how to make it more valued by the children
- Some lovely ideas. Can see the benefits across the school. Will link really well with our Talk4Writing
- Mesmerising – really want to give it a go myself now
- Fantastic! I will definitely be using this at school

Session 3 – Workshop 2 Lat Blaylock

Film in RE

- No comment
- Very keen to now use film in class
- Amazing ideas to develop RE through film – loved it!
- Really like the idea of using non religious films to draw out religious ideas as using religious ideas ones can sometimes be problematic in our community
- Great strategies that could be easily applicable to whole school assemblies as even a hook to RE/enrichment sessions for smaller groups
- Lots of stimulus/visual ideas to support learning and concepts. Really enjoyed it
- Really engaging, lots of fantastic clips and discussion points to use in class
- Some great ideas I can share with all your groups for them to use as they teach
- Useful ideas and handouts
- Definite food for thought, children will love seeing clips that they know and then to tie in the link – great idea. Loved the being naughty!
- Lots of interesting parallels. I like the idea of using a film clip for the main part of a lesson. Will definitely use rules for being naughty!
- Powerful way to instigate discussion/challenges to children's ideas
- Insightful! A fab starting point for so many religious concepts. So accessible to the children of 2019!
- Very thought provoking – interesting way to approach RE education – will try and weave film into the curriculum
- Great idea. Really useful and have got more ideas now, to add to your suggestions
- Again, another very helpful session – loved the 'naughtiness' way in teaching the 10 commandments
- Very enjoyable. Lots of great ideas how film can engage and inspire great RE lessons
- Examples of clips and how to use them. Can be used to engage children and make links between film and religious narrative
- Fascinating to look at how film could be used.
- Lots of great ideas to use
- Brilliant – real life examples that I can use straight in the classroom. Interesting and quick paced. Would recommend this.
- Lots of great ideas – going to go back to school and brainstorm with the stuff!
- Made me really want to put more thought as I'd think the children really enjoyed by film medium
- A really different idea of using film, challenging of children to pick up on the metaphor. Clips inspirational and easily adaptable to use – especially through writing
- Great and inspiring. Lovely to see relatable clips that allow children to think of RE in another context
- Great ideas – will definitely use these
- Lots of ideas of clips to use and how to find links between RE and films
- Loved it! Really made me think. I can see how using film clips will make some tricky concepts relatable for the children. Definitely considering 'discussing film club! Thank you
- Amazing! Leaving with many new ideas

Creating a safe class Mary Read

- Made you think and very engaging
- Great practical ideas to enhance practice
- Excellent activities
- Reminded of activities that I have not used in a long time and encouraged to use new ones
- Practical, interesting concepts, very discussion based
- Nice to know we are doing some of the things 'right' already
- Useful technique for classroom sharing
- Great ideas linked to leadership
- A great way to look at different ways to deliver questioning and understanding for children and adults in schools including parents
- Really great experience – led session by Mary, good to hear from Secondary colleagues and ideas to adapt for EY
- Ground rules and confidentiality establishing these rules and guidelines from the beginning. Private thinking/pairs and fours
- A very thought provoking session – some great interactive ideas
- Equipped me with new tools to work with difficult questions and news

General Organisation of The Day

- Info great, thanks to Ali
- Would prefer a venue with parking.
- Fabulous, great food
- Could workshop groups be smaller?
- Super organisation
- Easy to find
- First conference – very interesting and engaging. Will definitely return next year.
- Amazing! Such a treat
- Always enjoy these days – great venue and meal, inspirational talks and good networking
- Lovely food. Good venue. Good programme at activities. Lots to take away.
- Well organised, lovely food, clean, well resourced venue
- Well organised, great refreshments and venue. A warm welcome.
- Fantastic venue and refreshments – best I've ever been too!
- Great programme of speakers
- Well organised, useful and informative seminars
- Super refreshments and lunch
- Helpful and kind staff
- Always a treat to come to conference
- Great Food as ever was Fabulous!
- Inspires me to teach RE with continued creativity
- Absolutely fabulous
- People available to talk to
- Easy day to attend
- Gorgeous food, friendly staff and fab organisation!
- Great as always! Thank you
- Excellent communication beforehand. Perfectly planned programme. Wonderful refreshments and beautiful venue. What a treat!
- Lovely and luxurious venue, kind and helpful staff. An oasis of a day. Thank you very much
- All fab! I felt well-informed, well-fed and will be back! Thank you
- Lots of clear communication, wonderful refreshments
- Great organisation of day – the programme has been very interesting, interactive and relevant. Delicious lunch and refreshment
- Great venue and information beforehand. Timings worked well so nothing was rushed. Excellent food!
- Very good – many thanks!
- Great day all round
- Programme good, refreshments good, parking not good
- Food and venue fantastic. Great speakers, fantastic range. Parking could have been better.
- Fantastic as ever – great venue, food and speakers. Booking and information clear and easy.
- Good all round, Great notifications, programme, yummy food, lovely venue, fantastic speakers.
- Great lunch! Very well organised
- Excellent venue! Seamless organisation. Excellent!
- Outstanding
- Very well organised day. Very useful with pots of ideas to take back to school
- Superb as always. Huge thank you
- All good – even managed to get a parking space!
- Exceptional on all counts! Not easy to park though
- Very welcoming environment and informative day – thank you.

An indication of what you might like help with

- Story tellers visiting school
- Dates of further training
- Resources and course materials
- Where can I apply for the WIRE Award?
- Possible staff meeting workshops (planning a whole school Holy Week/other events)
- Storytelling resources, cluster events
- Links to faiths and visits
- Contact with multi-faith agencies
- Future training dates
- To help look at school mission statement for SIAMS visit
- Fitting RE opportunities in with our new curriculum
- How to ensure we're getting the most out of our scheme for RE