



Embracing Arts

Who are Embracing Arts?

Embracing Arts was founded by experienced performers and facilitators, Claire Sundin and Sue Appleby. The company grew out of a shared passion for delivering the highest quality theatrical experiences, shows and workshops to children with a range of care, educational and access needs. **Embracing Arts Workshops** originated from the positive response to our annual festive project, Christmas for Kids, which, since 2009, has brought interactive and sensory shows to children with complex care and educational needs and life-limiting illness, and currently serves over 200 children's hospices and SEND schools UK-wide.



About our work

Embracing Arts Workshops, Parties and Shows are unique in their quality and design, with our Creative and Facilitation teams bringing specialised expertise to each and every session. We know how difficult it can be to find a company able to accommodate the needs of every child alongside providing sessions created specifically for them. We want every child to feel special, whether it's on their birthday, as part of a community celebration or extending their learning in the classroom.

We take an organic approach to our delivery, guided by the participants and their responses. We aim to engage and improve communication and self-expression through sensory exploration and we incorporate puppetry, music, singing, sensory activities and storytelling to bring each theme to life.

We bring our sessions to you, in a venue or space where your community feels most comfortable.

“It's such a gift to find a company who celebrate complex needs and just do what's needed to ensure everyone is included and can enjoy a party”



Why choose us?

The team which creates and delivers Embracing Arts Workshops has over 20 years of experience of working with children of all ages and abilities in a theatrical context. Our team, led by experienced actor-facilitator Claire Sundin, brings a range of skills encompassing the theatrical, musical and educational. The whole team understands the importance of communication, interaction and engagement for every child, taking into account the specific needs of each class and individual.

All of our offerings take the format of a very simple narrative exploring the particular theme. We work to a basic framework but are guided by the pupil's responses, taking time with each individual and making an offer of engagement. If they choose to accept the offer we help them explore that particular sensory element. It's a very organic way of working with the children, adapting as we go along. We use lots of music and some singing to enhance the experience.



Themes & Content

A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

AFRICA STORY: HOW ANANSI BECAME A SPIDER

MUSICALS

FAIRYTALES

SUPERHEROES

SEASIDE

SPACE

SEASONS

JUNGLE

WINTER WONDERLAND

UNDER THE SEA

STEM SUBJECTS

BONFIRE NIGHT

KINGS & QUEENS

SOCK PUPPET MAKING

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

CIRCUS

HALLOWEEN

LET'S CONNECT - PSHE

PIRATES

THE COLOUR MONSTER - PSHE

LUNA AND THE STARS: ENCHANTED FOREST

and many more...

WORKSHOPS

PRICE PER WORKSHOP:

£175 per workshop: UP TO 10 CHILDREN WITH 1 FACILITATOR

£225 per workshop: 10+ CHILDREN (MAX 25) WITH 2 FACILITATORS

- Minimum booking of 2 workshop sessions per day
- Each session is a 30–45 minute sensory exploration
- Aimed at schools & community groups requiring multiple sessions per day



FESTIVALS, EVENTS & SHOWS

PRICES will be quoted at the time of enquiry

- Bespoke packages for your event can include:
 - Multiple workshops during the event day for smaller groups
 - Strolling puppetry as part of your wider event
 - Parties or Shows for larger audiences.

What you offer
is **AMAZING** for
our children



Pricing

PARTIES

PRICE PER PARTY:

£260 per party: UP TO 15 CHILDREN WITH 1 FACILITATOR

£380 per party: 15+ CHILDREN (MAX 30) WITH 2 FACILITATORS

- Parties last one hour, including a 45-minute sensory adventure & 15 minutes of free play
- Perfect for birthday parties, community groups or smaller schools

VIRTUAL PARTIES

PRICE PER VIRTUAL PARTY:

£75 per party: UNLIMITED CHILDREN WITH 1 FACILITATOR

- Virtual Parties are a 40-minute sensory adventure delivered via Zoom
- Uses all the puppetry, music & fun of our in-person sessions
- Access to the all the fun for children who are isolating



Terms & Conditions on all bookings

- Venues over 50 miles from our Base (Kent, ME13) will be charged at 45p/mile, on top of the session fees. The first 100 miles will not be charged.
- If your booking requires planning for bespoke themes not listed, there may be extra charges which will be quoted to you at the time of booking.
- If overnight accommodation is required or you are out of our South East England catchment, relevant charges will be added to your quote.

The Booking Process

We work closely with all our clients to make sure you are getting the right session for your children's needs.

When you book with us, you can choose a topic from our menu of sensory adventures, or our Creative Director can design a new workshop specially crafted around your chosen topic. We will discuss with you which of our sessions best suits your requirements. We will then provide you with a quote for the full cost of your booking, including any extras such as travel or bespoke creation fees.

Once the date, theme and price have been agreed we will send a booking form for you to complete and return. Please note that your booking is not 100% confirmed until we have received your completed booking form.

Upon receipt of the booking form, we will confirm your booking and raise the invoice which is to be paid in advance of the event date.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact workshops@embracingarts.org.uk or parties@embracingarts.org.uk



“ The pace and content of the workshop was perfect to engage all the students, even those with the most complex needs. ”