

# Literacy Alive for KS2

Aimed at Years 3-6, these courses bring the core elements of reading and writing to life in the primary classroom. Learners engage with popular children's fiction in the company of famous fictional characters. What better way to enthuse, engage and motivate a young learner?

We love reading the Harry Potter stories but what if Dumbledore was there to explain how to make your own writing just as exciting? What if Alice and the Mad Hatter could help you use figurative language more skilfully? Wouldn't it be great to have Fantastic Mr Fox and Cruella de Vil working with you on your punctuation? What about Peter Pan and Captain Hook promoting perfect grammar? Using adverbs probably won't have learners yawning if they're being helped and supported by Willy Wonka and Tigger.

Each course option is fun, interactive and will enhance and embed the teaching of essential reading and writing skills. Primary teachers are faced with the challenge of presenting and developing these core skills in an engaging way, which isn't always easy to do given the rather dry nature of the material and the inevitable repetition through practice. PET-Xi courses thrill and excite learners through a carefully balanced mix of active learning, enjoyment and proven pedagogical principles. PET-Xi days are dynamic and memorable, essential features when key learning is fully absorbed and retained.

*"I didn't really get apostrophes, so I used to put them everywhere. But now I just remember what Dumbledore told me and how he argued with Voldemort about how important they are."*

The learning encompasses storytelling, role play, paired and group work as well as individual study. The course will be led by a PET-Xi English Expert and supported by two favourite fictional characters who, incidentally, are also experts in motivational training and small group support.

The menu option approach allows teachers to precisely select skills with which their learners need extra support. Each half day course lasts for 2 to 2½ hours, depending on the format of your school day. Selecting two courses is a perfect fit for any entire school day.



## Menu Options

All course options contain student material based on course characters. For example, punctuation exercises are based around extracts from Fantastic Mr Fox and 101 Dalmatians and all exemplifications of figurative language are taken from Harry Potter. All courses contain film clip extracts of the characters to support the classroom work. Many of the exercises take the form of classroom games. Children are learning at the same time they think they are playing.

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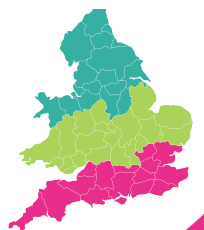
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**Option A - Recognising and using figurative language with Harry Potter and Dumbledore**

- Distinguishing factual description from figurative description
- Similes – identification, creation and usage
- Metaphors – identification, creation and usage
- Personification – identification, creation and usage

**Option B - Grammar: word classes (1) with Alice and the Mad Hatter**

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Adverbs

**Option C - Grammar: word classes (2) with Peter Pan and Captain Hook**

- Interjections
- Conjunctions
- Pronouns

**Option D - Punctuating properly and for effect with Fantastic Mr Fox and Cruella de Vil**

- Sentences and capital letters
- Apostrophes
- Direct speech

**Option E - Reading skills: comprehension, inference and deduction with Where's Wally and the Grand High Witch**

- Search and locate, skim and scan
- Inferences and suggestions
- Clues in texts

**Option F - Exciting writing with Tigger and Willy Wonka**

- Awesome adjectives, vivid verbs, amazing adverbs
- Avoiding bland language
- Planning

**Option G - Advanced punctuation with Woody and Buzz Lightyear**

- Hyphens, brackets, dashes
- Comma use
- Colons and semi-colons

**Option H - Enjoying poetry with Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf**

- Reading aloud and performance
- Rhythm, rhyme and syllable games
- Content activities

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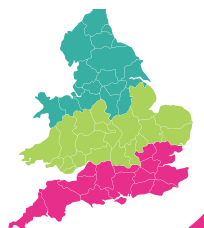
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