



**CALL OUT FOR  
BRIDLINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
WARDROBES  
AN ADVENTURE IN LEARNING  
SUMMER TERM 2023**

**ARCADE**

# ABOUT

After a hugely successful run in Scarborough, 'Adventure in Learning', Wardrobes, is coming to Bridlington Primary Schools.

Made by KIT Theatre and produced by local company, ARCADE, Wardrobes is immersive theatre made by, for and with young people.

Interactive stories will erupt in classrooms, East Riding Libraries and Bridlington Spa, using immersive storytelling and game mechanics to deliver curriculum learning.

This funded project is looking for Bridlington Primary schools who want to take the creativity and literacy in their classrooms to the next level.



## LAUNCHING IN BRIDLINGTON SOON

### KIT Theatre

Based at Battersea Arts Centre, London, KIT makes theatre for young people which improves their relationship to learning, developing empathy, resilience & critical thinking. They have delivered this work with over 15,000 children across the UK.

### ARCADE

A charitable community producing company based in Bridlington. We think everyone is creative and we believe culture belongs to everyone.

## SEE WARDROBES IN ACTION IN THIS 3-MIN FILM



# TIMELINE

Wardrobes in summer term 2023

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## Timeline:

January 2023

Confirm partner schools and project dates

March 2023

Planning meeting w/ teachers

w/c 19 June 2023

Project starts, week 1 - workshop at Bridlington Spa

w/c 26 June 2023

Week 2 - session in school

w/c 3 July 2023

Week 3 - session in school

w/c 10 July 2023

Week 4 - Finale show at North Bridlington Library

## THE STORY

It turns out that C.S Lewis was on to something with the Narnia books: Wardrobes really are portals between worlds!

Time travellers from the past step innocently into wardrobes in their own time and then step out into today.

What dear old C.S might not have known is that these accidental wardrobe explorers end up in Brid - and it's down to the town's schoolchildren to help them out.



# PROJECT STRUCTURE

- A mysterious invitation arrives in class with an invitation to a backstage tour at The Spa.
- The tour starts normally but unusual things happen and the children discover a secret room where they are enlisted to join a secret society whose job is to look after accidental time travellers
- Back at school the following week, a story-smith arrives and runs a day-long workshop where children write a story and then dramatize it in the afternoon, with each pupils then writing their own story.
- A week later, the children are summoned to their local library.
- Whilst in the library their time traveller appears from a magic wardrobe. The children perform their stories and collect books from the library to help the time traveller adjust to life today.
- The traveller has to leave, and the children help them to the bus stop and wave them off on their way!

## Learning Outcomes include:

- Literacy  
Reading and writing, with the adventure offering a reason to write.
- Local history  
Pupils study Bridlington in the time travellers are from and compare it with modern Bridlington, creating a guidebook to introduce the time traveller to their world.
- Drama, speaking & listening  
Pupils will participate in a drama workshop focussed on driving their story writing.





# TESTIMONIALS

**"This was the best day of my life"  
Theo, aged 8, after Art Gallery trip**

"I have been teaching a long time and never have I been involved in a project that has impacted children and staff the way this has..."

It has shown me what my class are capable of, I have seen strengths in some children that I haven't seen all year and it has helped us build an even stronger relationship.

This project is just amazing for any child to have the opportunity to participate in"

**- Gladstone Road School, Scarborough, Teacher**

**"I want to write more stories"  
Year 2 pupil, Nansen**

"The children who chose to talk are naturally quiet in class, they have individual needs, and are on our SEND register.

They talked confidently, in front of strangers, they hadn't rehearsed anything and didn't need any prompting - it melted my heart.

**"I want to write more stories because I want to be an author when I grow up because it feels good inside." –  
Year 2 pupil, Oasis Academy Short Heath**

The children performed their story, no one dominated, they all showed respect for each group and were generally proud of what they achieved.

It was quite an emotional moment to see the strength they demonstrated in working as a team, I was so proud of them"

**- Gladstone Road School, Scarborough, Teacher**

# COST

**This project is funded by East Riding Library Service and Arts Council England. As such, school places will be heavily subsidised.**

We recognise schools operate with very limited budgets so please get in touch if money is a barrier to your class taking part.

We ask schools for a contribution which they can afford and we can discuss this with you. eg. £500 per class

The full unsubsidised cost is £2500 per class.



## INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP?

If you would like to secure your school's place, or would like further information or a chat about the project please contact Sophie [sophie@hello-arcade.com](mailto:sophie@hello-arcade.com) or 077 886 827 24

### Fees cover:

- Interactive theatre experience during visits to Brid Spa & Library
- 2 in-school, artist-led drama workshops to create pupils' stories
- Online interaction via Email with time travellers to support learning outcomes
- Coach and chaperone costs for trips to Brid Spa and Library if required
- CPD Training session for teachers