

STORY SEEKERS

National
Theatre



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What year groups is this project for?

Story Seekers is for school years 4 - 6 (or those with an equivalent learning age).

How many classes can I book for?

Story Seekers is a free project and can be delivered with as many classes as you like, providing they are in the target age group (or equivalent learning age).

How does the project work?

CPD – A series of four online twilight CPD sessions (4pm – 5.15pm) will take place in the first half of term. They will introduce you to each stage of the project and support your delivery of Story Seekers with your class.

Broadcast from Story Seeker Command – Your class will watch an online filmed theatre performance (duration 18 mins) directed by Justin Audibert. In this performance your class will be set a mission to find, tell and share exciting stories from across the globe.

Story Seekers Training Programme – An oracy and creative literacy scheme of work, (developed in partnership with the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education) for you to deliver with your class. This consists of 8 x approximately 1-hour lessons and has been developed in partnership with the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education.

Seeking Stories – Next the children will find the stories that they want to tell and work on how they will tell these stories in their own words with support from online workshops from professional storytellers. You can choose to do one story as a whole class or choose a few stories to work on in smaller groups.

Create, rehearse and film your stories– We will provide you with all the support and guidance you need to create your digital storytelling performance(s).

Share your stories - Share your performance(s) with as many people as possible in your school community and beyond. We will provide you with lots of ideas for ways to do this. We will also run an optional twinning programme so you can swap and share your performances with another school doing the project.

What is the time commitment?

We recommend delivering the project in the second half of term following the CPD (which takes place in the first half of term). On the next page is a suggested format for how it could be delivered in the second half of the autumn term. You are, however, free to deliver it to whatever timetable suits you best:

W/C 1 st November W/C 8 th November W/C 15 th November	Story Seekers Training Programme (including watching the broadcast from Story Seeker Command)	2 - 3 hours per week
W/C 22 nd November	Seeking Stories	2 - 3 hours
W/C 29 th November	Create and rehearse your performances.	4 - 5 hours
W/C 6 th December	Film your performances.	4 - 5 hours
W/C 13 th December	Share your performances.	2 – 3 hours

How will the CPD work?

There will be a series of 4 CPD sessions which will guide you through each stage of the project. We recommend that you attend all four sessions, so you feel confident to deliver each element of the project.

All CPD sessions will take place online and will run from 4 - 5.15pm. We will be in touch in the autumn term with more information of how to book your place.

How do I access all the materials and resources?

All materials and resources will be available on the specially created Story Seekers website from the beginning of September. You will be able to watch all the digital content and download all the resources from this website. We will send you an invitation to join the website at the start of the Autumn term.

What happens at the end of the project?

We encourage you to share your stories far and wide so lots of people get to see and experience what you and your class have created. Every child that completes their Story Seekers mission will receive an official Story Seekers badge to mark their completion of the mission. You will be able to order these for FREE from the National Theatre.

I'm a technophobe. How do I go about filming the story telling performances?

We will provide you with support and guidance through the CPD and project resources to support you to create and film the performances using simple equipment such as smart phones and tablets.

What does the project consist of and what support do I get to deliver it with my class?

- An oracy and creative literacy scheme of work.
- Performances by professional storytellers from a range of storytelling traditions
- Short films on different aspects of theatre making by professional artists.
- Online workshops delivered by professional storytellers.
- Online CPD sessions and teacher's project toolkit to guide you through the whole project.

I can't do it this term. Is it going to be available again?

Story Seekers will run in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms in academic year 2021/22.

In each cycle of the project, the CPD will take place in the first half of the term, and we recommend the project is delivered in the second half of term. In the case of the Spring term where the second half of term is shorter, the project will straddle the February half term.

What do I do if I need some help?

Email storyseekers@nationaltheatre.org.uk with any questions you have and one of the team will get straight back to you.