

Through the Eyes of a Child:

Teaching children from the ages of four to eleven

with Carol Read

This intensive 30-hour summer course is designed to develop an understanding of children's special characteristics and needs at different ages and stages of learning and to equip teachers with a wide range of practical classroom skills and 'know-how' to enable them to teach English to children successfully. For experienced teachers, the course will offer an opportunity to refresh their own practice, get new ideas and explore current issues in primary ELT. For teachers starting out or with less experience, the course will develop competence and confidence in working with children.

Topics covered on the course will include:

- How children learn... and implications for the way we teach
- Developing children's Multiple Intelligences
- Topic and content-based learning
- Developing language through stories and drama
- Using rhymes, chants and songs
- The role of games and structured play
- Managing children positively
- Developing reading and writing skills
- Integrating culture
- Learning how to learn
- Planning lessons and units of work
- Assessment of learning

The methodology of the course will be highly interactive and will include a mixture of input sessions, workshops, mini-projects and micro-presentations by participants.

In addition to the topics on the timetable, there will also be a number of integrated themes running through the course. These will include areas such as teaching vocabulary and grammar, developing listening skills, classroom language, setting up and organising communicative activities with children and dealing with diversity.