



# Introducing Woodwork in KS1 / KS2 Primary

CPD

LEARN HOW TO SAFELY INTRODUCE CREATIVE WOODWORK AND ENRICH LEARNING

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## Description:

Woodwork is hugely popular and provides a rich source of enjoyment as well as learning. The impact is profound and long term. Deep levels of engagement and intense concentration are common with pupils often remaining involved in their explorations for extended periods. Woodworking supports the D&T curriculum, through the design process, making and subsequent evaluation of their work. There are many opportunities for expressing imagination, problem solving and sustained perseverance with challenging tasks. Learning outcomes are remarkable and it is truly cross-curricular embracing many aspects of learning and development.

This practical workshop will look at ways in which woodworking can be safely introduced in your school. We will look at the theory and the associated learning and development relating to KS1/2. We will examine the historical context and look at examples from other countries that have been working successfully with wood for many years. There will be explanations of the most suitable tools for children and instruction on how best to use them. We will look at the most suitable woods. Information on potential suppliers of wood/ tools will be provided. Explanations on how to set up a woodworking area. Suggestions for activities, open-ended explorations and longer term projects. There will be practical sessions for teachers to explore the tools, gain confidence and share the experience of making creations in wood.

## Aims:

From this course you will:

- Understand the value and theory of woodwork especially in relation to D&T.
- Learn about the historical context of woodwork
- Understand the potential of woodwork for creativity and critical thinking
- Learn how to introduce woodwork safely, implementing an effective risk assessment.
- Understand the most suitable tools for young children and how to use them.
- Be confident to develop a woodworking area.
- Know where to buy the most appropriate tools and materials

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AUDIENCE: HEADTEACHERS, KS1-2 TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF  
SESSION: INSET / CPD FULL DAY

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