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TRISHA LEE

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Sometimes, to get the best out of young learners, you have to make it up as you go along. Or, to be more accurate, let them make it up. This is the power of the work that Trisha Lee has been doing in schools and settings in recent years – letting children’s imaginations, creativity and natural abilities to create pretend worlds lead the learning in some very special directions.

Trisha is a pioneer in a number of exciting classroom approaches such as the ‘Helicopter Stories: Letting Imagination Fly’. This is a way of working with young learners based on the work of renowned Kindergarten teacher and author Vivian Gussin Paley and is proving itself as a way of developing many social and emotional aspects of learning as well as language and literacy skills in children as young as two.

Trisha brings her unique blend of creativity, fun and high impact teaching and learning outcomes to Independent Thinking.

As Trisha says, *‘Our brains are hardwired to make sense of the world through story. Children’s fantasy play is rich with metaphor and imagery, language and sound*

but how do we bring these stories into the classroom for some serious learning?’

This, then, is Trisha’s skill, helping teachers use the tools that children bring to school each and every day incorporating them into imaginative, dynamic and stimulating learning experiences for daily use in the classroom. And these are tools and approaches that can be used whatever area of the curriculum.

We saw Trish working her magic in a school in Hong Kong. She was on a ‘world tour’ and had just come from working with children in a South African township. Using just the floor, a book of stories written by children and some masking tape she transformed a primary classroom into the most magical place full of tigers, pirates and man-eating giants.

But that’s what Trish does so well – bring the magic out of the children to help them create magical learning experiences.

Feedback from recent Events include:

“We have just had Trisha Lee for a day’s training on creative approaches to Maths .



“Glance in any nursery or reception classroom and you will see princesses and superheroes, monsters and dragons, confronting danger, challenging evil, or running home to safety in a helicopter” - Princesses, Dragons and Helicopter Stories.

She’s been a breath of fresh air and inspiration for us. Lots of fun and laughter mingling effortlessly with creativity, inclusivity, originality (from her and also brought out from the participants) – and also with educational, child-friendly and brain-friendly sense... please pass this on to whoever employed her in your company – she is excellent, and not just for early years but across the primary spectrum”

Books written by Trisha Lee:

- *Princesses, Dragons and Helicopter Stories*
- *There is Another Way* (contributor)
- *A Moon on The Water*

Trisha has been with Independent Thinking since 2012.

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