

Gifted and Talented Children

What do we mean by gifted and talented? Dorset LEA defines very able and gifted children as:

... children who have ability or abilities beyond the large majority of the children in the school and who consequently require more challenging teaching and opportunities.... Their potential will be shown in any or all of a wide range of contexts such as different learning styles, creativity or leadership.

(Dorset LEA Policy for Very Gifted Children, Feb 2003)

All schools are now required to identify their gifted and talented children, and ensure that their needs are met through supplementing the curriculum with additional opportunities and enrichment activities.



Leeson House Field Studies Centre

Here at Leeson House, we provide a range of enrichment courses designed specifically for these gifted and talented children. Courses generally run over weekends, although some may take place during the week. The price of each course includes accommodation, food, tuition and most materials.

The courses are open to children from any school, but we do ask that the child's school complete an endorsement confirming that they would be suited to the intensiveness and subject matter of the course.

The content of the courses is intended not only to support and enrich the National Curriculum, but also to extend outside of it into other areas. All the teaching staff are experts in their field, and with working with gifted and talented children.

Leeson House has been providing residential experiences for children for many years, and the staff here are practised in easing the worries of those children away from home for the first time, along with caring for all who stay with us. Where possible, friends are put together in bedrooms, providing it has been requested on the application form.

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid any disappointment! Feel free to phone the centre on 01929-422126 if you have any queries or concerns.

The Dorset programme for gifted and talented pupils offers you a unique opportunity to be part of the stimulating residential course:

“For the Love of Books”

For students in school years 4, 5 and 6 who want to push their writing abilities further than they thought possible



**At Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Swanage
Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th July 2011**

£130 all inclusive

Course Directors:

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www.creativecreatures.org.uk



“For the Love of Books”

When you open the covers of a book that you love, the story curls around you and holds you close.

Which book do you really cherish? Bring it to this workshop to share with us, and for you to learn about books you haven't yet sampled.

What style is your book written in? Try to emulate the things you like best about it by writing your own piece to encapsulate your audience and make their skin tingle with excitement as they read!

If you love reading and writing and really want to develop your own style, join us to explore the wonder of words and push your writing abilities further than you thought possible.

The course runs from 5pm on Friday 22nd to 3pm on Sunday 24th July 2011. There will be a presentation by the pupils at 2pm on Sunday to read an extract of their stories written during the course! All are welcome to attend.

For further information on course content, please contact the Course Directors at:

Email: creativecreatures@hotmail.co.uk

Or see our website:

Web: www.creativecreatures.org.uk

Jennifer Grace and Rosemary Bird

Jennifer and Rosemary are graduates from Bath Spa University, each with a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing. They have been running storytelling and creative arts workshops across the country for several years, and are also trained by the Girl Guide Association to lead sessions and assist on activity holidays. They have a full range of courses which can be viewed on their website listed above.

Both are enthusiastic readers and writers who love helping others to explore their own imaginations and express themselves through art and language.

Leeson House Field Studies Centre

Leeson is an historic house situated on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The local landscape encompasses hills, heath and the Jurassic Coastline – a World Heritage Site – all derived from the local and wide-ranging geology. Sites such as Corfe Castle, Arne Nature Reserve and the Purbeck Hills all provide inspirational settings for both physical and academic activities.

Facilities include 2½ hectares of ecologically managed grounds, a games field, classroom, laboratory and library, and a large games room. Accommodation is in dormitories, with separate shower and toilet facilities. Staff will be resident close by in the house during all overnight courses.

Leeson works within Dorset LEA's guidelines for safety during offsite and residential visits. All staff are checked via the Criminal Records Bureau, as are any visiting teaching and support staff. All security measures have been taken to ensure the safety of students whilst staying at Leeson House.