

Autumn Term 2008 Off Centre Courses

Improving Display In Your School

Wednesday 17th September

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

'The way in which work is displayed in a school is more than a matter of convenience; it is a reflection of the atmosphere and attitudes which prevail there' (Gulbenkian report). What does your display say about your school? Jane's much praised course aims to encourage you to consider display in a fresh light, and offers expert guidance on practical, valuable and exciting approaches, including time-savers and cost-cutters, to benefit your children and give your school image a makeover.

- Consider display and why we do it in a fresh light
- Develop a 'house style' to suit your school
- Take away a range of practical, exciting 2D and 3D ideas

"Excellent Tuition" – Elm Green Preparatory School (04.02.08)

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Art Skills – Workshop 1 – Drawing

Wednesday 17th September

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

The first in a series of five enjoyable and practical workshops introducing you to Art techniques.

(5% reduction for booking all 5 Art Skills workshops - [click here](#))

Drawing is at the root of all Art and only uses lines and dots, but is an area where many of us lack confidence. Come and try some unusual ideas and lovely materials and build up knowledge and confidence.

- Develop children's mark-making skills and repertoire
- Try a range of tools and techniques
- Build confidence through learning to look

"Relaxed and informed. Lots of useful information" – Dame Bradbury's School (02.05.08)

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Harvest Maths

Thursday 18th September

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tutor: Penny Todman

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Explore this cross-curricular, seasonal topic as a starting point for mathematical enquiry. We shall be using fruits, vegetables and flowers to find out about:-

- Rotational symmetry and angles
- Use of standard and non-standard measures
- Graphical representations
- and fair trade!

“Very practical ideas; easy to use straight-away in the classroom. Exactly the right level for the Year 1 children I teach. King’s College School (04.07.08)

Penny Todman: is an experienced Primary educator. She worked in Cambridgeshire schools for 28 years as a KS1 and KS2 class teacher, a senior advisory teacher for Mathematics and Headteacher of both a small rural and a diverse city Primary school. As a Headteacher, she contributed annually to ITT at Cambridge University Faculty of Education on multi-cultural education and Primary/Secondary liaison.

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New Course to Off Centre

History through Art & Craft

Friday 19th September

10.00 – 12.30 pm

Tutor: Alan Revill

£40.00 + VAT

A cross-curricular approach using Art in practical ways including ink and candle making, wax tablets, scribing, simple Victorian toys, fresco, bas relief and carving.

- One can enjoy and explore history without being an Historian.
- Using a cross-curricular approach to break down subject boundaries to give breadth and balance.
- Using practical skills to produce objects of use and authenticity.

Alan Revill: has 35 years of Primary teaching experience at both KS1 and KS2 and has taught to university levels. Before joining Off the Page, he enjoyed a reputation for excellence as Head of Upware Field Studies Centre.

Alan is passionate about practical education and its application on a cross-curricular basis. He has led INSET courses at venues and colleges in East Anglia and also in Dubai.

At the opening of Off Centre Alan spoke of his admiration for the scientist, Richard Fyneman who felt “that all Educators should have a ‘brilliant tackle box for hooking in’ every kind of learner”. Alan is a keen fisherman who believes that this approach should lay the foundation for what Off Centre aims to achieve. He has a great love of the outdoors and travel. His favourite places are to be found in wilderness areas.

New Course to Off Centre

Creative Cross-Curricular Planning

Tuesday 23rd September

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tutor: Roger Yaxley & Peter Cornwell

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Following the government's encouragement to plan creatively for the curriculum, this course will examine possible ways forward which will focus on the cross-curricular. Issues to be dealt with will include:

- Why the change of direction?
- How can this be implemented effectively?
- What are the pitfalls?

Roger Yaxley has been involved in Primary education for over 35 years. He was Headteacher for 31 years, first as a peripatetic Head and then in three permanent Headships within Norfolk and Suffolk. He qualified as an Ofsted Inspector and has worked as a tutor for a Governor Support Unit in Norfolk as well as a Headteacher Fellow and Primary Consultant.

Peter Cornwell: in an earlier life was the Headteacher of a small village Primary school, having been appointed at the tender age of twenty seven. During this time, he developed a great interest in writing stories and poetry, historical re-creation and story-telling. In 1996 he dreamed up the idea of History Off the Page and now heads up a team of twenty five wonderful people. As well as three days a week on the road, he still writes stories and poems for use in school. Most of the rest of the time is spent in creative management.

Having been privileged to visit well over a thousand schools in the last twelve years, Peter has experienced an enormous range of educational styles and methods. He uses this background in his courses together with a long term and deeply held belief that the education of children should be as practical and experiential as possible.

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New Course to Off Centre

Art Skills – Workshop 2 – Painting

Wednesday 24th September

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

The second in a series of five enjoyable and practical workshops introducing you to Art techniques.

(5% reduction for booking all 5 Art Skills workshops - [click here](#))

A chance to explore some methods which may be completely new to you to produce effects from misty to gaudy, delicate to bold. Inspiration is taken from famous paintings, photos, objects, music....

- Learn approaches that make colour mixing manageable and exciting
- Develop confidence as children get to know and understand paints
- Resources - what to buy and not buy, and how to use them to the full

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New Course to Off Centre

Addressing History through Drama

Thursday 25th September

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

History is not about people in books, but people like us. By helping children become these people, they can experience history so that it will stay with them for ever, making the choices and taking the decisions that the people of the time had to face. This short 'taster' course introduces fascinating ideas and approaches which everyone, confident or not, can manage with their class.

- Learn to harness and use the power of Drama as a learning medium
- How to choose aspects of History which lend themselves to Drama
- Letting children tackle historic dilemmas themselves

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New Course to Off Centre

Making History More Cross-Curricular for KS1

Tuesday 30th September

4.30 – 6.00 pm

Tutor: Penny Bright

£40.00 + VAT

- How to teach the whole History curriculum without having a designated History lesson on your planning sheet.
- How to make History a practical subject.
- How to get children excited about learning.

This course will show you how to bring those dry QCA History Topics alive, exciting and practical. For example: turn your role-play area into an apothecary shop with medicines made from herbs (Science, Speaking & Listening, Drama, Maths).

Penny Bright: has taught every age from 3 – 71. She was a KS1 teacher for 27 years in Stockport and Cambridgeshire, including Head of Early Years at Histon Infant School, Cambridge. At Off the Page she has become "Queen of KS1" and has developed new KS1 courses that have proved immensely popular.

Art Skills – Workshop 3 – Printing

Wednesday 1st October

4.30pm - 6.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

The third in a series of five enjoyable and practical workshops introducing you to Art techniques

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We are surrounded by printing – books, photographs, fingerprints, stamps – and this course allows you to try all sorts of exciting methods to produce stunning results. Print with all sorts of objects – expect the unexpected!

- Learn practical methods with a range of materials
- Understand the application of printing to other curriculum areas
- Avoid mess with organisational advice

“The course gave me plenty of ideas that can be taken back to the classroom” – Ely St Johns Primary School (19.02.08)

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New Course to Off Centre

Mask-making

Thursday 2nd October

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

Jane shows you a foolproof method of making masks for dramas, productions, plays or parties, which don't take too long, stay on, look stunning and are comfortable to wear. Whether you're doing Noah's Ark, Wind in the Willows or A Midsummer Night's Dream, this will answer your problem! Other methods and materials for longer-term projects are also shown.

- Learn how to make animal masks look like animals!
- Try some unusual materials and discover how they behave
- Combine function with style

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New Course to Off Centre

Science Through Art

Friday 3rd October

10.00am – 12.30pm

Tutor: Alan Revill

£40.00 + VAT

A cross-curricular approach using Art in practical ways including: close observation, colour matching with paints and wools, photograms, clay, Plasticine printing.

- Using practical approaches with applications to Science.
- Use of different media and techniques.
- Creating objects; using processes which will be exciting to use back in the classroom.

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New Course to Off Centre

Singing for the Terrified

Tuesday 7th October

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Tutor: Angela Brown

£40.00 + VAT

Angela knows that deep-down most adults and children do have a useable singing voice: she has fairly painless ways to help you find yours. She will provide you with some skills and resources to help your children to find singing enjoyable and accessible. The session supports National Curriculum but also general classroom morale; it may also input into the national ‘Sing Up’ initiative. *KS1 or KS2? Let us know at time of booking, please. Wear loose, casual clothing for the session: voices need whole bodies.*

- Making sounds you can live with – and develop.
- Rhythm patterns and body-percussion.
- Some easy-teach resources to scoop-up ‘non-singers.’

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Designing, Mapping, Planning & Implementing A KS2 Creative Curriculum

Wednesday 8th October

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Tutor: Roger Cole

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Through the development of a strategic curriculum plan, relevant and creative curriculum models can be designed which embrace rigorous and achievable learning objectives. Enrichment must be a prerequisite of any curriculum of real worth. How this is planned for and achieved is the focus of this course.

- Time to think and reflect on current practice
- Examples of creative curriculum plans which work
- Inspiration on how to move forward and make changes with confidence

“Opportunities to hear examples of good practice and sharing ideas with other teachers. An inspirational day. Thank you.” Peterborough High School (01.05.08)

Roger Cole: is internationally renowned for his expertise in Primary Education. He is an outstanding writer, lecturer, teacher and commentator who has retained his fundamental belief in the principles that determine high quality teaching and learning in successful schools.

Roger works with teachers in two different ways:

He arranges conferences, lectures and seminars, which examine the theoretical models which underpin successful teaching and learning. This work is supported by examples of children’s work, slides, overheads and publications.

He also works in classrooms alongside teachers or works with whole classes of KS1 & KS2 children demonstrating teaching and learning methods in all aspects of the curriculum.

New Course to Off Centre

Designing and Making Books

Thursday 9th October

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

What would you, or your class, like to make a book for? Once the purpose is decided, Jane shows you how to design a book to house your idea. We begin with a ‘traditional’ hard-backed book, which can be made in stages by even young children, and then branch out into individual designs, breaking the barriers of shape, size and format, and using ribbons, beads, textiles – take at least two beautiful results home with you.

- Help children see book design in a new light
- Explore ways of combining function with style
- Take away two finished and contrasting books

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New Course to Off Centre

Addressing History through Art

Wednesday 15th October

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

This course, which begins with an archaeological dig, was requested and run for a Headteachers' conference and is now repeated for those wanting a creative approach to History topics with exciting visual results. What art did people of long ago make and how can we learn from it? Use the same methods and materials to explore the world and the thinking of people long ago (such as dyeing with plants, offering links with Science) and also produce Art inspired by historical events. Great Fire of London, Seaside, Egyptians, Vikings/Saxons and more.

- Help children see what we can learn from the Art of the past
- Try methods which are no longer used
- Use Art to develop deeper understanding of the people who made it

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Art Skills – Workshop 4 – Textiles

Wednesday 15th October

4.30pm - 6.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

The fourth in a series of five enjoyable and practical workshops introducing you to Art techniques

(5% reduction for booking all 5 Art Skills workshops - [click here](#))

Learn to use wools, threads and fabrics in exciting and experimental ways, both two and three dimensional. Camouflage an ant, make fabric food, weave, wind and wrap....pure tactile enjoyment and a chance to learn new skills and methods.

- Develop a fascination for textiles
- Deepen your understanding of their importance to our culture
- Widen your knowledge of how to use them

"The whole experience was very relaxing and inspiring. The environment was very peaceful and overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon." – Thetford Grammar School (04.02.08)

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Positive Behaviour Management

Thursday 16th October
Tutor: Penny Todman

10.00 am – 3.00 pm
£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

This popular course offers practical strategies and approaches to improve your ability to create a positive learning environment.

You will learn about:-

- Causes of poor behaviour and low self esteem
- Strategies for making expectations clear in your class and across the school
- Effective interventions and whole class management

“Enjoyed the structure of the day. Plenty of opportunity to discuss matters with other course participants.” Abbotts Ripton Primary School (05.03.08)

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Exciting Writing

Tuesday 21st October
Tutor: Jane Bower

10.00 am - 3.00 pm
£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Jane's highly acclaimed course has been requested by teachers all over the UK and in schools and colleges in Dubai. It received full marks in all evaluations at Off Centre last term. A truly wide range of creative, innovative and stimulating approaches to liven up speaking, listening, reading and writing – ideas that your pupils will want to try and that you will want to teach!

- Learn to help children to love words
- Feel excited about teaching writing
- See words in a new and different light

“The course tutor gave me lots of practical ideas, photocopies and help – exceeded expectations.” – Elm Green Preparatory School (21.02.08)

“A stimulating and inspirational course.” – Ipswich High School (21.02.08)

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New Course to Off Centre

Having Ideas

Wednesday 22nd October

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

When asked what they need, most teachers reply 'lots of ideas'. This course offers you just that. Jane shows you a range of unusual, creative and exciting ideas and techniques which can be adapted to many topics and curriculum areas. Phone with your themes for the next two terms – or this one's! - and she will tailor the course to help you plan a creative scheme through Art, Drama, Dance and Literacy. Ideas will be tried out practically where time permits, but many other ideas will be offered verbally.

- Equip yourself for next term's teaching
- Try out practical and exciting approaches tailored to your class
- Leave buzzing with things you want to try!

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Art Skills – Workshop 5 – Clay

Wednesday 22nd October

4.30pm - 6.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£40.00 + VAT

The fifth in a series of five enjoyable and practical workshops introducing you to Art techniques

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Clay is amazing – it comes from the earth we live on and has been used to create things from the earliest times. Get to know more about this beautiful natural and versatile material and try some unusual ideas and fascinating techniques.

- Help children to see the importance of clay to humans
- Develop a fascination for its versatility
- Learn to use it in ways that will produce beautiful and mess-free results

“Lovely, hands-on, informative and friendly workshop!” – Elm Green Preparatory School (09.10.07)

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“The Role of the Curriculum Leader”

Thursday 23rd October

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tutor: Roger Yaxley

£75.00 + VAT

After exploring the many aspects of Curriculum Subject Leadership, the practical implications of these will be examined and examples given:

- What is the difference between leadership and management of a subject?
- What sort of records should be kept?

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Creative Exploration through Art

Tuesday 4th November

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Nothing around us would exist without artists – they have designed everything from clothes to furniture to road signs. Along with movement and music it is our oldest form of expression and spans all cultures, so it provides a tremendously rich starting point for creative learning. Discover what your pupils can learn through Art and how it can enrich your teaching and reach the rest of the curriculum. A wide range of exciting, practical and innovative ideas, including how to read and use famous paintings.

- Help children see the importance of Art in our culture and history
- Discover new methods and ideas
- Use it creatively in other areas of the curriculum

“Practical activities and lots of quick ideas. Excellent introduction to setting up and using paint in the classroom. Loved seeing photographs of the work displayed.” Hartford Junior (07.05.08)

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New Course to Off Centre

Storytelling as a Gateway to Writing

Wednesday 5th November

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tutors: Peter Cornwell & Phil Cooke

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

An opportunity to improve and develop your storytelling and therefore your all-round teaching. This course is essential for anyone who has never “told”. We shall look at techniques/ways of inspiring stories, improving stories and developing stories into extended writing.

- Learn/rehearse story-telling techniques
- Consider why children should be storytelling
- How children’s storytelling can influence and inform their story-writing, their reading, their punctuation and their listening skills.

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Philip Cooke: taught in a number of schools at both KS1 & KS2 before being head-hunted to join Off the Page in 2001. He quickly became a director of the company and an instrumental voice, particularly in the more creative aspects of the job. Philip has a background in visual arts and drama. He is a sensational story-teller and communicator.

New Course to Off Centre

Drawing is for Everyone

Thursday 6th November

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

A course for any who feels a lack of confidence in drawing skills, or who enjoy drawing and would like an input of new ideas. We cover a range of techniques and use a variety of materials, working both big and small and taking all manner of things as inspiration, from Van Gogh to a shoe! A relaxing, enjoyable course in a peaceful environment.

- Build your confidence
- Learn new approaches to looking
- Try a range of methods, materials and techniques

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New Course to Off Centre

Help! I've never done Ancient History!' A course for NQTs

Tuesday 6th November

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Tutor: Angela Brown

£40.00 + VAT

This course aims to boost your knowledge and understanding as well as that of your KS2 class. We use 'Timeline', 'Patch' and cross-curricular approaches to help with topics on Ancient Egypt, Greece, Romans and Celts. 'How-to' and 'hands-on' will feature in bringing each historical 'patch' alive.

- Key features of the Ancient Cultures.
- How the Ancient World throws light on modern times.
- 'Come Alive!' activities, as the Ancients did them.

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Christmaths

Tuesday 11th November

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tutor: Penny Todman

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Decorate your classroom and engage your class with mathematical activities for the festive season. This course is suitable for Christian and multi-faith settings.

We will explore:-

- The construction of various stars and boxes
- Investigations and problems with a Christmas theme
- Ways in which you can develop mathematical thinking right to the end of term!

"Hands-on activities provided inspiration. Ideas to take-away and use immediately." – Thetford Grammar (Journeys into Mathematics Course – 30.01.08)

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Designing, Mapping, Planning & Implementing A KS1 Creative Curriculum

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Roger works with teachers in two different ways:

He arranges conferences, lectures and seminars, which examine the theoretical models which underpin successful teaching and learning. This work is supported by examples of children’s work, slides, overheads and publications.

He also works in classrooms alongside teachers or works with whole classes of KS1 & KS2 children demonstrating teaching and learning methods in all aspects of the curriculum.

Creative Exploration through Drama

Thursday 13th November

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Learn to use, or to expand your use of, this unique learning medium. Studies have shown that humans retain knowledge the longest when they experience something for themselves. Through Drama children can experience life from angles denied to them in real life – they can go back in time, breathe under the sea, take decisions normally made by adults, explore a foreign land or another planet. Jane shows you how to plan sessions, handle problems and design visual aids to achieve the learning objectives you set for your class, whatever the curriculum area.

- Help children gain confidence through Drama
- Tackle problems in a new and valuable way
- Add a powerful learning tool to your repertoire

**“There were lots of practical lesson ideas. It built up my confidence in delivering drama.”
Thetford Grammar School (04.02.08)**

Jane Bower: is a Primary teacher with 30 years experience. She taught a KS2 class for nine years and a KS1 class for six. She now works as an advisor in Art, Drama, Dance and Literacy to Primary schools throughout the UK and is a tutor at Cambridge University’s Faculty of Education. This year she taught at several schools and teachers’ centres in Dubai. She is the author of several books for teachers and writes regularly for Child & Junior Education Plus magazines. She is also a member of Equity and acts professionally.

Felting and Batik

Friday 14th November

10.00 am -3.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Forget the November weather and lose yourself in this delightful and relaxing course making an image in felt (using the oldest known fabric-making technique) and a design in batik (the Indonesian wax resist method). Learn how to use both methods safely and imaginatively, for yourself or to teach to children.

- Learn two techniques from other times and cultures
- Explore ways to use them in a wider application
- Take away two finished examples

"Practical, hands-on, have-a-go! Hardwick Primary School (02.10.07)

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Working with Poetry

Thursday 20th November

10.00am – 3.00 pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Inspiring and stimulating approaches to speaking, listening to, reading and writing poetry with KS1 and 2. Unusual and different starting points and practical ideas to help you and/or your class thoroughly enjoy exploring and building with words.

- Take away a bank of ideas for helping children to delight in words
- Learn simple approaches for reluctant writers
- Help children understand what poetry is and why humans write it

"It was exactly what I needed – ideas for stimulus in writing. It makes it more interesting for me and the children." Glebelands Primary School (10/03/08)

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New Course to Off Centre

Materials which change with Heat

Thursday 27th November

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Art meets Science as we explore what happens when heat is applied to clay, wax, wood, fabrics and water. Learn how early people used heat - fire clay without a school kiln, make beautiful pictures and objects from wax, wood and fabrics (including Koloron) and watch dyes seep from plants. All health and safety issues will be fully covered to ensure safe use of techniques in school.

- Learn to use heat safely with children
- Help children see the importance of heat historically
- Take away a wide range of examples and techniques

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New Course to Off Centre

Working with other adults

Tuesday 2nd December

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tutor: Penny Todman

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

This course will develop your ability to lead teams of adults by:

- Facilitating effective meetings
- Motivating and developing others
- Analysing the strengths of others and delegating
- Developing a team ethos

Penny Todman: is an experienced Primary educator. She worked in Cambridgeshire schools for 28 years as a KS1 and KS2 class teacher, a senior advisory teacher for Mathematics and Headteacher of both a small rural and a diverse city Primary school. As a Headteacher, she contributed annually to ITT at Cambridge University Faculty of Education on multi-cultural education and Primary/Secondary liaison.

Penny now works as a consultant, leading national initiatives in all phases of education. She trains potential Headteachers as a tutor on the NPQH course and develops higher level teaching assistants (HLTAs) across the Eastern Region.

At Off Centre, Penny provides training for teachers and teaching assistants in creative approaches to Mathematics and aspects of leadership and management.

New Course to Off Centre

Winter through the Arts

Wednesday 3rd December

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Tutor: Jane Bower

£75.00 (lunch included) + VAT

Finish off the term and prepare for the next one with a range of stimulating ideas with a winter theme. Ice candles, ideas from an ice grotto, woven frozen twig sculptures, frost paintings and ice music, a trip to film the Antarctic, poems to freeze the pencil from your fingers!

- Learn several new approaches and techniques
- Make links with other curriculum areas
- Enjoy an alternative to Christmas!

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