

Birch Tree:

performances of song & story

Special Offers for Local Schools



Mr. Beetle

All kinds of fun & science: the habitat, food & lifestyle of beetles & their relatives.

- All about beetles. A fun session, tailored to your needs, about beetles, insects & other minibeasts.
- Spiders & their webs. All about spiders & their kin. Spider silk, it's amazing properties & many uses.
- Help with minibeast lessons. Mr. Beetle will be happy to help out with your minibeast safari or pond dipping session, indoors & out.
- Mr. Beetle's watery adventure. Mr. Beetle falls into the pond, is trapped on its surface & finds out all about water.
- Mr. Beetle feels the force. Mr. Beetle is taken into space for an experiment. A lot of forces are involved.
- Lots of other stories about Mr. Beetle & his adventures!

Please visit my web pages for further information

Wild Man of the Woods

Who is the Green Man? Natural history, history, mystery, art & wildness.

- Original stories of up to 45 minutes.
- The history of the British landscape - with emphasis according to your needs.
- Woodland as a habitat.
- The prehistoric wild wood & the wild woods of the Middle Ages .
- Trees: natural history, uses & folklore.
- Tree Dressing: I facilitate activities & celebrations
- Woodland Animals: natural history, history & folklore.
- The food chain & the interconnectedness of all living things.
- Being green means thinking about the world of the future - education for sustainable development.

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Special Prices for Primary Schools in the Midland Region

Mr. Beetle: a story session of up to one hour (KS1 or 2): **£100**, whole day of up to 4 shows **£175**

Wild Man of the Woods (the Green Man): a morning or afternoon appearance: **£150**, whole day of up to 4 shows **£195**.

Mr. Beetle's Watery Adventure & Mr. Beetle feels the Force: both are shows in two halves of 45 minutes: **£250**

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celebrating nature, science & a sense of place since 1991



Other shows available:

Mr. Sandstone (geology for KS2): a story session of up to one hour: **£100**

Mr. Sandstone : rock & fossil handling sessions for one class in 4 groups of up to 8: **£150**

Wilfred's Wyrd: the tale of a time travelling Saxon boy. To him, our world is full of riddles. Story session of up to one hour: **£100**

Barry the Buddhist: practising meditation since he was at school himself, Barry talks about Buddhism in everyday life & presents a slide show, including beautiful photos from his pilgrimage in Nepal & Tibet. Length: 1 hour: **£100**

Expressive Dance with live music: Barry plays flutes, whistles, ukulele, drums & other percussion, inviting children to express a spectrum of emotions. 1 hour session **£100**, up to three sessions for **£175**.

Poetry Workshop: a published & prize winning poet, Barry will introduce interesting ways of writing & use music & other special methods to stimulate your students' imaginations. 1 hour session **£100**.

Animal Senses: a series of games & demonstrations illustrate the different ways that animals use their senses. 1 hour, **£100**.

Most of these shows were developed for KS2 but can be adapted for KS1. Many were developed in collaboration with national institutions & major museums, as well as with local schools, according to their needs. I also have an extensive collection of natural history specimens & play a range of musical instruments, so why not call me if you have a particular theme which you would like me to cover or a story which you would like me to tell.

A first rate show engaging children of all abilities across the keystage. A mix of humorous narrative, drama, investigation/ demonstration & multimedia underpinned by real world applications, whilst simultaneously encompassing a number of other science curriculum areas...Fabulous!

Spencer Foyle, Science Co-ordinator Alveston C of E Primary School, Warwickshire.

In my opinion this was by far the most worthwhile 'roadshow' we have had.

Tysoe C of E Primary School, Warwickshire.

The magic & mystery of your show will remain vivid in the children's memories for a long time. - a marvellous achievement. **Martha Lambert, Young People's Services Librarian, London Borough of Waltham Forest.**

The presentation of the story & the science worked brilliantly to make the children feel enthusiastic about science & I am sure that the experience will stay with them for a long time to come!

Dovelands Primary School, Leicester

Making science fantastic fun with music, drama & highly effective teaching.

Longford Primary School Coventry

Captivating & extremely interesting. The children were engaged from the beginning & they've learned a lot about science.

St. Augustine's School, Handsworth, Birmingham

Not only are you spectacular to look at but your stories are so interesting & really educate the children to care for living things.

Geraldine Arterton, Arts Liason Officer, Northampton Museums.

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