



# Practical Ideas for the Primary Classroom

Do you work with pupils aged 4-11? Would you like some fresh, engaging ideas for your teaching practice? This course will send you home with creative ideas for your classroom as well as improving your English skills.

## Course Description

This fun and inspiring professional development course will introduce you to practical, engaging activities that you can incorporate into your teaching practice. You will work with a motivated, experienced trainer who will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on your teaching practice as well as helping you to discover new tools and techniques. Alongside your course, you will have the opportunity to spend time absorbing English culture in beautiful Exeter.

## Course Content

*I'd highly recommend IPC to my colleagues, because it exactly reached my expectations [...] no, gave me much more!*  
— Anita Győriné Nagy,  
PIP July 2018

Personal language development sessions

Child learning and development theories

Learning styles and multi-sensory learning

Use of new technologies in the primary classroom

Cross-curricular activities

Motivating young learners

Developing students' thinking skills

Preparation, design and evaluation of materials

Practical ideas for your situation

Reflective teaching practice

Assessment in the primary classroom and giving constructive feedback

Delivering a collaborative course task with a colleague or colleagues

## Who is this course

This course is for Primary teachers of English, or who teach via the medium of English, who work with students aged between 4 and 11 and who:

- Would like to expand and update their teaching repertoire
- Have a minimum English level of Intermediate (B1+), so they can fully exploit not only their course but their time in Exeter
- Enjoy working in a co-operative and collaborative learning environment
- Would like to meet people from other countries in Europe, for example to set up school partnerships
- Are looking to maximise pupil engagement at this early stage of their education

## Supporting your European Development Plan



IPC courses support **staff** (continuing) with their professional development in terms of:

- Improving linguistic competence
- Enhancing professional skills and knowledge e.g. awareness of issues related to teaching young learners
- Providing teachers (and schools/educational organisations) with the opportunity to initiate school partnerships to enhance the on-going learning experience of pupils/students/learners
- Becoming more interculturally aware through meeting colleagues from other countries as well as being in the United Kingdom
- Gaining knowledge of the British and other colleagues' education systems

They also support **organisations** in terms of:

- Gaining a more European/international perspective/profile
- Benefitting from teachers integrating their experiences into their school/local community

## Sample Programme

On the **Practical Ideas the Primary Classroom** course you will:

- Have opportunities to discuss factors which influence your teaching situation
- Experience a variety of learning activities first hand, allowing you to develop a greater understanding of different learning theories as well as giving you practical teaching ideas to use in your classroom
- Have opportunities to refresh and develop your own English skills and knowledge
- Have the opportunity to live with a homestay host and explore the local area with an IPC guide on escorted trips to places of interest, experiencing language in its cultural and social setting
- Put course content into practice by delivering a course task with a colleague or colleagues to your fellow course participants

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Sunday	ARRIVAL IN EXETER	
Monday	Introduction to IPC and Course Needs Analysis	Guided Town Tour (including Exeter Cathedral)
Tuesday	Learning Theories	Personal Language Development
Wednesday	Learning Styles and Cycles	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	Digital Technologies in the Primary Classroom	Cross-Curricular Activities
Friday	Creating Engaging Materials	Free Afternoon
Saturday	Full day trip with your IPC Guide	
Sunday	Free day: A chance to explore on your own, with your homestay host or with new friends	
Monday	Personal Language Development	Practical Ideas for the Primary Classroom
Tuesday	The British Education System	Practical Ideas for the Primary Classroom
Wednesday	Introduction of Course Task and Preparation Time	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	Assessment in the Primary Classroom	Course Task delivery and Feedback
Friday	Practical Ideas and Course Closure Activities	Free Afternoon
Saturday	RETURN HOME	

\*Programme subject to change