

# ALCHEMY EARLY YEARS: DEVELOPING CREATIVITY WITH THE UNDER 5's

Alchemy Early Years is the umbrella name for Alison's Under 5's activities

*'Children have dramatically enhanced their listening skills'*

*'The sessions have supported children with speech & language difficulties'*

*'Their self-esteem has been promoted'*

*'Children have had a great opportunity to demonstrate their creativity through song, rhyme, stories, dance & movement'*



## UNDER 5's SESSIONS

Fun, imaginative & multicultural, the workshops are full of learning opportunities. One-off sessions (30 - 45 minutes) or a series of workshops (several in a day or a series of weekly sessions) can be tailor-made to support topics & themes or you can just enjoy whatever Alison cooks up for your consumption.

- ☺ Stories familiar, traditional & improvised
- ☺ Traditional nursery songs from around the world
- ☺ Instrumental activities
- ☺ Movement & dance activities

Storytelling, music & movement workshops all involve creative use of toys, puppets, instruments & movement enhancing materials provided for each session by Alchemy Early Years.

All workshops are designed with a working knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. In particular, sessions aim to develop children's imagination & expressive communication skills (both verbal & physical) & to nurture their creative & social skills within a fun & safe environment.

Music & storytelling workshops can accommodate any number of children. However, music & movement sessions are best enjoyed in smaller numbers. Just let us know how many you are expecting & we will prepare the session accordingly.

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### ONE-OFF SESSIONS ARE IDEAL FOR:

- ☺ Special events & celebrations, e.g. in the Early Years setting, children's library, community centre & local park
- ☺ Developing children's imagination
- ☺ Promoting creative use of story
- ☺ Inspiring children & adults together in creative activities
- ☺ Involving children & adults in participatory creative, instrumental & singing activities
- ☺ Widening traditional & multicultural song repertoire

### SEVERAL SESSIONS ARE IDEAL TO:

- ☺ Enhance language skills
- ☺ Nurture confidence & self-esteem
- ☺ Promote listening skills
- ☺ Foster expressive communication skills
- ☺ Cultivate creative thinking
- ☺ Support musical development
- ☺ Encourage confident & creative movement skills
- ☺ Develop the singing voice & familiarity with traditional & multicultural song repertoire
- ☺ Develop confident & creative use of hand held percussion instruments



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# INSET & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

An experienced & enthusiastic facilitator, Alison is available to lead INSET & devise & lead training programmes for staff wishing to develop musical skills, creative movement & storytelling ideas in the Early Years setting. These sessions are specifically designed to support the needs & interests of each setting within the setting.

*'It has been a great pleasure having Alison working in our setting...we have appreciated her warm approach which has enabled adults & children to feel comfortable & explore their own creativity. Alison has been an inspiration to us all...'*

*'...with Alison's tuition & excellent notes from her sessions we will introduce the morning children to the new ideas we have learnt & immensely enjoyed'*



*'The sessions & Alison's excellent role model have given staff lots of new ideas & developed their confidence in promoting music & movement'*

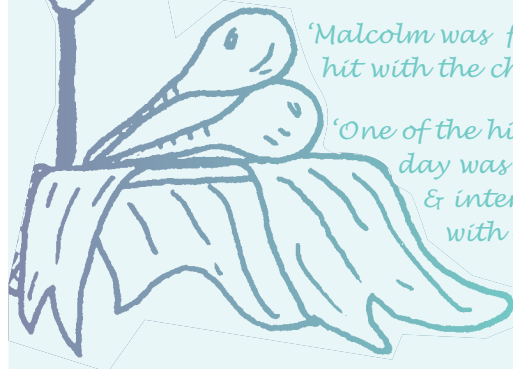
*'As manager of the setting I am now more aware of the staff members who have a special interest in dance & music & movement'*



Freelance artist & educator Alison Blunt has many years of experience working with children of all ages with a particular focus on the Under 5's age group. She has travelled far & wide leading music, storytelling & movement workshops, often combining these together.

She is available for bookings in your own setting working either solo or in collaboration with her wonderful music & storytelling partners.

Fees vary depending on the number & nature of sessions that you would like.



*'Malcolm was fantastic...a big hit with the children'*

*'One of the highlights of the day was the storytelling & interactive workshop with Alison Blunt'*



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