

Primary School Police and Crime Science Workshop



Session 1 - Introduction



Our teacher will introduce themselves to the children, and to the role of the police and forensic science. The aim is to give the children career aspirations by showing them they have the skills and abilities to work in the varied fields of investigation, law and science, and show them some of the career opportunities in those areas

Interactive exercises are used to explain the role of the police to the children, and also to show them the workings of the criminal justice system, and the various elements within it. The fact that not all wrongdoers get arrested, and not all those who are arrested go to prison, is explored and explained

There is the option to run a short exercise where the children can see the law in action, and where they can play the part of a judge, jury member, witness, the accused etc. They will see how a court works in a fun, child centred way

Session 2 – Crime Scene, DNA and Fingerprinting



After watching a short video showing crime scene investigators at work, the children will identify the various clues found, and learn why and how certain clues are collected

After learning about DNA theory, the children then take DNA samples from each other, whilst wearing masks and gloves that they can keep

The children learn about fingerprint theory and then take their own fingerprints, using genuine police type materials and fingerprint forms

The children learn how to identify different types of fingerprints, and go home at the end of the day with their fingerprint form and a fact sheet, designed to inspire them with further ideas for exploring crime scene science in the future

Children are truly excited to discover how science and problem solving skills are applied in real life investigations

Session 3 – Liberty and Arrest



The children take part in a fun exercise where they get to search for some “stolen” property, and can even have a go at arresting a classmate!

The exercise shows them the importance of treating people with courtesy and respect, regardless of whether or not they are suspected of a crime

Although this is an enjoyable activity for the children, they soon understand the importance of liberty, and the fact that taking it away is a power the police in this country use sparingly

Session 4 – Crime Scene



In the final session, the children investigate a "real life" crime and practice their teamwork, problem solving and logical thinking skills, whilst putting everything they have learned during the day into practice

Our teacher introduces the scene and a variety of twists and turns to encourage deep thinking and evidence based decision making

Our array of props and real police materials enables us to recreate a challenging but fun, age appropriate scenario bringing the day to a fun and exciting climax!

We have a mannequin and other props that we can use to set up the scene as whatever type of grizzly crime we want!



As well as being very interactive and enjoyable, our day teaches the rule of law, encourages tolerance, explores British values such as respect and liberty, prepares pupils for life whilst linking their personal skills and abilities to careers, all this and more whilst teaching them how exciting and interesting science can be!

The day can support topics and projects in science, crime and punishment, British values and lots of other topic areas besides

The workshop can also help the school to demonstrate effective leadership, described in the OFSTED inspectors handbook as encouraging activities where the ***"school prepares pupils positively for life in modern Britain and promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect"***



We adapt our workshop to the needs of the school, and fit it around your normal school day

The workshop can be delivered in an ordinary school classroom with no need for any special facilities

Our teachers cover the UK and come to you and we provide all materials needed for a very exciting and interactive day for the children

Please get in touch at bookings@zakon.co.uk for more information or to book a day with us