

Welcome to Durham Learning Resources Transcript

[Pictures: the skeletal jaws of an animal. A model of a human head, half is cut always to display the skull and brain. The handle of a sword. Copies of the books “The Nowhere Emporium” and “Evernight”]

[Kathryn Henderson] Welcome to Durham Learning Resources.

[Text: Kathryn Henderson, Learning Resources Co-Ordinator]

[Kathryn Henderson] We are a loan service that provides resources for schools in County Durham and the surrounding area.

[Pictures: Rows of books on metal shelving. A skull with a pirate hat and eye patch on it next to copies of the books “Jake Bakes a Monster Cake and Rainbow Magic. Four Norman Helmets.]

[Kathryn Henderson] We provide a wide range of books, artifacts and other resources for schools to borrow all at a fraction of the cost to buy.

[Pictures: Four school children in uniform and two adults standing behind a table of historical objects. A corridor with metal shelves with books on them on both sides.]

[Kathryn Henderson] We provide quality and inspiring educational experiences, and all of our resources are stored here in our warehouse at Sevenhills, Spennymoor.

[Pictures: Internal shot of warehouse. External shot of Sevenhills]

[Pictures: Spines of various books on shelves in warehouse. Cover shots of picture books in library. Cover shots of Mermaids Rock and Agent Asha.]

[Kathryn Henderson] Our reading collections support reading for pleasure in schools, with reading for pleasure collections, class sets with the latest texts and group readers.

We help to engage and inspire your class with real hands on resources with our topic resource boxes, they contain a mixture of books and artefacts for you to handle and explore and cover over 200 different topics.

[Pictures: Children engaging with books and resources in a classroom. Examples of the contents of a topic box with books artefacts and costumes. Table display showing close ups of Tudor resources]

[Text: Lisa Little, Learning Resources Co-ordinator]

[Lisa Little] We also have a fantastic array of paintings, art collections, costumes, taxidermy, and other resources to help bring your lessons alive, this will help develop key skills such as speaking and listening, questioning, enquiry and comprehension.

[Video clip: Old-fashioned pop-up toy.]

[Picture: Taxidermy of a Spider Crab]

[Lisa Little] You can rest assured that all of our resources are safe to use during the coronavirus pandemic, in line with industry guidelines we quarantine resources on return from schools for 72 hours before checking and cleaning, then quarantine again for 72 hours before delivery. All books are in plastic jackets so easy to clean and anything that's not easy to clean such as material items are kept in a separate clear bag for schools to use if they wish.

[Video clips: Internal warehouse view. Topic boxes on shelves. Staff member cleaning a book. Contents of a topic box including material items and costumes.]

[Kathryn Henderson] You can order your resources online on our website, send us an email or just pick up the phone and speak to our dedicated team.

Once you've placed your order, it will be delivered free of charge to you at school on the next available delivery day by our professional and friendly in-house delivery drivers.

[Video clips: Laptop showing the Online Reservation system. Staff member taking a call.]

[Pictures: View of resources ready to load onto van. Delivery driver in van and carrying resources from the van.]

[Kathryn Henderson] We offer excellent value for money, with either a full service level agreement, a bespoke package to suit your budget and even a pay as you go service.

[Kathryn Henderson] A full service level agreement also comes with free access to Fiction Express. Fiction Express is a fantastic interactive online literacy programme that supports reading for pleasure, books are written in real time chapter by chapter and the children get to vote each week on how they want to plot to unfold.

Fiction Express includes interaction with real authors via the voting and a book forum, as well as comprehension quizzes for each chapter, audio books, book reviews and a whole host of other teacher resources.

[Pictures: Screenshot of Fiction Express.]

[Video clip: A child using Fiction Express on an iPad.]

[Text: The 6 -step Fiction Express Methodology. 1 Read the chapter. 2 Vote on the plot. 3 Talk to the author. 4 Answer the quiz. 5 Enjoy the activities. 6 Measure the impact.]

[Pictures: Screenshots of Fiction Express chapters and activities]

[Lisa Little] Our full SLA also includes a free library audit and advice for your school, discounts on in house courses and our free newsletter.

If there is anything you would like to know about our services at Durham Learning Resources, please contact us.

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[Text: "The excitement from both teachers and pupils when the resources arrive is an engagement in itself, never mind the fact that the pupils can actual get up close and personal and handle the artefacts." Timothy Hackworth Primary School.]

[Text: Durham Learning Resources Logo & Durham County Council Logo.]