

A Curiosity and Wonder INSET Day

With Dave Harris and
Dr Matthew McFall

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Meet Dr Matthew McFall

Dr Matthew McFall has dedicated his work to exploring the power of wonder in education. While completing his second PhD on the subject, he caught the attention of headteacher Dave Harris, who brought him to his inner-city school as the UK's only 'Agent of Wonder.'

His first mission? Transforming an overlooked space into a Wonder Room—proving that curiosity can thrive anywhere.

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Meet Dave Harris

A successful school leader with years of experience in challenging environments, Dave has built a second career as an in-demand speaker and advisor. He cuts through the noise, exposing the misguided policies that distract schools from what truly matters.

With a wealth of experience across the UK and beyond, Dave helps educators refocus, rethink, and rediscover their purpose—offering practical strategies to lead with clarity, creativity, and impact.

Unlock the power of curiosity and wonder to transform learning, inspire engagement, and spark motivation—even in the most reluctant learners.

But how do you embed awe and discovery into your school's culture?

How does curiosity connect to the curriculum?

And what does the science say about its impact on learning? That's exactly what Dave Harris and Dr Matthew McFall explore in this unique, hands-on, and inspiring INSET day—a day designed to help teachers reimagine education through curiosity, storytelling, and discovery.

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Why Curiosity Matters

As a headteacher, Dave Harris saw first-hand how curiosity-driven learning transformed both staff and students. A chance meeting with Dr Matthew McFall—an expert in the science of wonder—led to the Matthew being appointed as the UK's first school-based Agent of Wonder. Together, they designed wonder rooms, curiosity trails, and immersive experiences that transformed learning and engagement.

What to Expect

- ✦ Understanding the neuroscience behind curiosity and learning
- ✦ How to weave wonder into lessons and the wider curriculum
- ✦ Practical strategies to spark awe and discovery across the whole school
- ✦ Interactive morning session – Hands-on exploration of over 100 objects, uncovering the three great traditions of wonder:
 - The Cabinet of Curiosities
 - The Quest
 - The Labyrinth
- ✦ Practical afternoon workshops – Small-group sessions to help staff weave curiosity, wonder, and storytelling into their teaching, curriculum, and school culture.



How It Works

Curiosity and wonder transform learning—boosting engagement, motivation, and achievement for students and staff alike.

Dave and Matthew have delivered this inspiring and practical INSET day in every type of school setting, from early years to further education. Some schools use it for staff development, while others extend the experience to students for a whole-school impact. Ready to bring curiosity to your school?

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