



# The Big Imagination Challenge

# The Ultimate Story Dome Competition

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council has partnered with acclaimed local storyteller Vicky McFarland from Tale Time to offer Year 7 students the chance to win a fully funded, four week creative workshop programme that promises to bring imagination, innovation, and storytelling to life in the classroom.

Blending the magic of the ARTS with the excitement of TECHNOLOGY, the programme shines a spotlight on the STEAM subjects in a way that is dynamic, hands-on, and deeply engaging for pupils. This competition is designed to ignite curiosity, boost confidence, and encourage creative thinking—perfect for nurturing the next generation of storytellers, innovators, and problem solvers.



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## ACTIVATE YOUR CURIOSITY

Making Sense of Science



### **WHAT CAN WE WIN?**

One lucky winner will win a prize for their entire class! The winning class will receive a four week in school workshop series delivered by Vicky McFarland. Over the course of the programme, pupils will work together to develop an original immersive dome creative piece inspired by their own ideas and imagination. At the end of the four weeks, their creation will be brought to life in a grand finale showcase inside the dome—a moment where pupils will see their story transformed into something truly spectacular.

### **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO:**

Imagination and creativity play a vital role in all aspects of work and learning.

We are asking Year 7 pupils to pitch an idea for an adventure they would love to experience inside an immersive storytelling dome. Their adventure could take place in an underwater world, outer space, an enchanted forest, a futuristic city, a magical realm, or anywhere their imagination can take them!

Pupils can submit their idea in one of the following formats:

- A storyboard
- A poster promoting the finished piece
- A written piece describing the adventure

Submissions should illustrate the setting, the characters, and the creative journey pupils want to take inside the dome.

### **WHY TAKE PART?**

- Curriculum-friendly: Links to literacy, creative writing, and art.
- Low teacher workload: Simple, quick activities.
- A fun away to end P7!
- High engagement: A unique opportunity for pupils to work with a professional storyteller and experience their ideas in an unforgettable way.



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| Name:                      | Age:   |
| Year:                      | Class: |
| School:                    |        |
| Teacher's Name:            |        |
| Teacher's contact details: |        |

### When designing your poster:

- Include the name of your idea
- Use different colours and pictures to make it stand out

### How to Enter:

1. Students must be in P7 and attend a primary school in Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.
2. Each applicant should complete both sides of this entry form and send it to: **christine.barnhill@midandeastantrim.gov.uk** or by post to: **Christine Barnhill, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Lamont Building, Trostan Avenue, Ballymena, BT43 7BN**
3. The closing date for entries is **Friday 27 March 2026** at 12noon
4. The winners will be notified by **Friday 17 April 2026**
5. The programme will take place after the Easter break at a time convenient to the winning school.

**Create your design here:**

