

Careers Chat



ABOUT JULES POTTLE

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MY JOURNEY INTO SCIENCE

I was surrounded by science at home. My mother was a chemistry teacher and her father was a railway engineer. My father is a professor of laser physics. We visited science museums, natural history museums and went on steam engines for our days out - I know I'm very lucky. What made me really interested in zoology, however, was learning about newts at primary school. I liked biology at secondary school and I did a degree in Zoology before becoming a teacher. In 2015, I won an award, Primary Science Teacher of the Year, for my work with science and stories.

MY JOB

I have lots of jobs. The only one which I do every week is teach my Year 3 class which I love. I teach in my local school 2 days a week and I'm the science co-ordinator. I also train teachers all over the world in the art of storytelling, using a method developed by Storytelling Schools. I also write things! I write books for teachers on how to teach science and I write science stories. Sometimes I write lessons for science schemes like SNAP Science and sometimes I write lessons for the BBC Bitesize Daily lessons. At other times, I give advice to people who are making science resources like the BBC online game - Junkateers or DK science books.

MY HOBBIES

My biggest hobby is panto. My village always puts on a spectacular performance which I either direct or I'm on stage. I also play the guitar, tend to my plants in the garden and I like to crochet stuffed animals for people. One day, I want to crochet a multicoloured cardigan like Mrs Weasley's but I haven't learned those stitches yet! I love going to see my friend Emma do her puppet shows. It scratches the itch I have to be a muppeteer, and educate through silliness and muppetry.

A QUESTION I WANT TO ASK

What will be the next big materials development that will change the world for the better?