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EDUCATIONAL  
MAGIC SHOW  
THEMES



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MAGICINSCHOOLS  
CREATE YOUR OWN EDUCATIONAL MAGIC SHOW

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# 1. Environmental Magic

You can cover the importance of recycling, energy conservation and the value of good environmental habits in a 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' show.

## **Example Trick: The Newspaper Tree**

Turn the clock back and change a newspaper into a tree! Roll a few sheets of newspaper into a tube, cut or tear down four times and pull the middle up to make an eight foot tree!

# 2. Reading Magic

A 'Magic of Reading' (or 'Reading is Magic') show can inspire the children to put down their iPad or Playstation 4, and pick up a book instead! Emphasise the importance of the alphabet, words and reading. Themes can include popular story books and characters.

## **Example Trick: Magic Word**

Show a piece of paper with a magic word on it. Tear it up and restore it, but it's tatty and stuck together with old yellow sellotape. Remind them that when they borrow a book from a library or a friend they must look after it and not to damage it. Teaches courtesy to others too.

# 3. Science Magic

Take your audience on a journey of exploration into the scientific principles behind the magic. Science studies in chemistry, light, magnetism, optical illusions, physics and mathematics can all be demonstrated.

## **Example Trick: The Growing & Shrinking Head Optical Illusion**

## 4. Mathematics Magic

You can easily take simple mathematical principles and turn them into spectacles of trickery.

**Example Trick: Six Card Repeat & Grey Elephant In Denmark**

## 5. Healthy Eating Magic

You can sell the idea that there are healthy alternatives for children to enjoy and get them to exchange their fizzy drinks and sweets for milk and fruit in a Healthy Eating Magic Show.

A discussion on the importance of taking charge of one's health (both physically and mentally) can also be included.

**Example Trick: Stratosphere With Real Or Fake Apples**

## 6. Anti-Bullying Magic

Cover topics such as 'Respect For Others', 'We're All Different But We're All Equal' and incorporate the 'Anti-Bullying Campaign' message.

**Example Trick: ABC Blocks**

ABC stands for 'All Bullies Cry' (or 'Anti-Bullying Campaign') and has a great message about the reporting bullies to a teacher or adult.

## 7. Road Safety & Stranger Danger

Ideal for nurseries and kindergartens, this teaches younger children about crossing the road safely, what to do at pedestrian crossings, etc. Also, for stranger danger awareness, tell the children to make sure their parents know where they are at all times and encouraging assertiveness.

### **Example Trick: 20th Century Silks**

This is a great way to demonstrate something disappearing and ending up safe (between two parents).

## 8. Internet Safety

Teach the children that although the Internet is a wonderful tool, they need to be aware that people may not always be who they say they are. Also how some downloads can damage computers and how people can sometimes say things to get personal information about them.

### **Example Trick: The Homing Card**

Use photographs to show that a photograph keeps reappearing, no matter what is done to it. This emphasises the idea that anything that is posted on the Internet, will always be there.

## 9. Anti-Drugs Awareness

Focus on short-term, immediate consequences of using drugs and the Provide information that makes the choices and their consequences clear.

### **Example Trick: Spelling Bee**

Have cards printed with different drugs on (cocaine, marijuana, tobacco, alcohol etc) and one with a policeman on. Get the child to spell the words to get a card but every time you spell the word you get the policeman card