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Often when explanations seem too difficult for our students or us to understand we resort to describing the solution as 'magic!'. Convenient perhaps, mysterious also but perhaps by avoiding exploring difficult explanations we could be missing a trick!

“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

Arthur C. Clarke

Profiles of the Future: An Inquiry Into the Limits of the Possible

This workshop uses some of the magic tricks and other unplugged activities from the books of Paul Curzon (Queen Mary, University of London) to identify how aspects of the curriculum can be taught and explained this way.

The use of unplugged teaching is a key part of the thinking of the Digital Schoolhouse and the workshop will also include ways of getting involved more with this initiative.

The following link (<https://goo.gl/DSQ3WF>) will take you to templates for a binary punch card sorting activity, on which one of the card tricks we will try out during the workshop is based.