

Drama Curriculum Overview



Every Moment Matters

Purpose of Study

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KS1

Role-play and other drama techniques can help pupils to identify with and explore characters. In these ways, they extend their understanding of what they read and have opportunities to try out the language they have listened to.

KS2

Pupils should be encouraged to use drama approaches to understand how to perform plays and poems to support their understanding of the meaning. These activities also provide them with an incentive to find out what expression is required, so feeding into comprehension. All pupils should be enabled to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the artistic practice of drama. Pupils should be able to adopt, create and sustain a range of roles, responding appropriately to others in role. They should have opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for one another and a range of audiences, as well as to rehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to drama and theatre performances.

How we implement our drama curriculum

At Perran-ar-Worthal, every child takes part in high quality drama workshops as part of our Fabulous Friday Curriculum. Make believe and dramatic play is a natural part of every child's learning journey; our drama provision inspires and nurtures this creativity by providing many opportunities for performance. Pupils find their voice exploring and developing performance skills whilst building an understanding of various dramatic techniques and their purpose. The focus of drama at Perran-ar-Worthal is to promote confidence and self-esteem. Children are enabled to express their ideas and those of others in a safe and supportive environment. We use drama as a tool to develop key skills such as: communication, enquiry, empathy, co-operation and negotiation. We encourage exploration of classic texts, scripts and poetry allowing children to creatively and fearlessly express themselves through performance. This helps them to develop their literacy skills, support speaking and listening and promotes understanding of differing view points.

As part of these workshops, pupils have the opportunity to explore different dramatic mediums including: individual and choral poetry; devising stories and story telling; delivering monologues; performing Shakespeare and translating Shakespearian texts; ensemble and physical theatre; honing stage craft. Pupils also develop techniques for giving and receiving peer feedback.

In addition to the Fabulous Friday workshops, pupils also participate in other performances during the school year. As part of our Christmas celebrations, Key Stage One present a festive story, each year group in Key Stage two perform their own short play as part of a larger Christmas performance. Cornwall County Music Festival gives pupils the opportunity to perform individually or as part of an ensemble in poetry and public speaking and we encourage any child who shows an interest to participate. As part of their leaving celebration, Year 6 perform a production where there are opportunities for solos, singing, dancing and acting. As part of the Penryn Partnership pupils have the opportunity to participate in CAPA (Creative Arts Primary Academy) drama and dance groups. These often lead to musical theatre performances which involve pupils from all eight partnership Primary Schools. Where possible our school seizes any opportunity to engage our pupils in other drama events.

Timetable

Drama

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 4	Year 5	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6

	Dramatic Medium	Stage Craft
Year 1	Role play - Story telling and devising using techniques based on the Helicopter Story Technique.	Physicality of a character and enjoyment through expression of emotions and imaginative story telling
Year 2	Story telling - Working in small groups taking on the roles of narrator and characters; exploring what makes one character different from another.	Introduction to: facial expressions, physicality and tonal qualities
Year 3	Choral Poetry - Exploring poetry through performance both individually and in groups.	Performing as a group learning to use verbal and facial expression; exploring different tonal qualities; and physical awareness.
Year 4	Ensemble Theatre - Group story telling using mime, movement, physicality and voice.	Physical theatre, movement, mime. story telling
Year 5	Shakespeare - Looking at some of his more well-known plays (including A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Tempest),	Projection of voice; articulation; and translating and conveying text.
Year 6	Stage craft and performance techniques - Working towards the end of year group production.	Working with props, developing characters, voice movement, performance choices.