Progression Framework – Drama







Curriculum Themes

We follow a four-year curriculum cycle. Each topic theme falls under a termly category

- Autumn Me and My World
- Spring The Wider World
- Summer Action and Adventure

The curriculum theme titles are listed in the table below. Teachers use the subject framework to inform the learning intent for their individual classes in the form of medium-term plans. These frameworks ensure that there is a clear progression in skills and knowledge for each subject area.

| Autumn - Me and My World | Spring - The Wider World | Summer - Action and Adventure | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | | | | | | | |
| All About Me | Come Fly with Me | Pirates | | | | | |
| Year 2 | | | | | | | |
| Help is at Hand | Going Wild | Time Travel | | | | | |
| Year 3 | | | | | | | |
| Unity in the Community | Global Warning | To Infinity and Beyond | | | | | |
| Year 4 | | | | | | | |
| Law and Order | Under the Sea | Superheroes | | | | | |

When deciding on their termly learning intent, teachers should ensure that there are opportunities for pupils to learn and progress in all areas and this should be clearly referenced in medium term plans.

| Milestone 1 | Milestone 2 | Milestone 3 | Milestone 4 | Milestone 5 | Milestone 6 | Milestone 7 |
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| D.1.1 - Begin to | D.2.1 - Share ideas and | D.3.1 - Devise improvised | D.4.1 - Structure | D.5.1 - Use structured | D.6.1 - Use drama in an | D.7.1 - Create |
| understand the world | explore issues in an | drama from a range of | improvised drama to help | improvisation to explore | original way to explore and | performances for different |
| around them, through | imagined context | stimuli | make meaning in a variety | and interpret ideas, issues | present meaning to a | audiences and purposes |
| watching others and | D.2.2 - Take part in a range | D.3.2 - Explore the use of | of situations | and relationships in their | chosen audience | using various genres, styles |
| imitating this through play | of drama strategies | drama strategies to | D.4.2 - Use a range of | drama work | D.6.2 - Select and use | and traditions |
| e.g. Playing teachers. | including freeze frame, | deepen the role or | drama strategies to | D.5.2 - Explore a variety of | appropriate strategies and | D.7.2 - Make considered |
| D.1.2 - Create games through play | tableau and hot seating D.2.3 - Use simple props, | understanding of the situation | explore and develop characters in different | dramatic strategies to select appropriate forms | forms to structure effective dramatic | use of strategies and forms to experiment with |
| D.1.3 - Begin to develop | symbols and images to | D.3.3 - Select appropriate | contexts | D.5.3 - Select and use a | outcomes | dramatic outcome |
| communication skills when | represent meaning | props, symbols and images | D.4.3 - Explore and | wide range of approaches | D.6.3 - Make meaning | D.7.3 - Explore how |
| responding to others. | D.2.4 - Use voice and body | to represent meaning and | negotiate a range of | to develop meaning and | independently and in | different dramatic |
| D.1.4 - Pretend to be | to create characters in an | understand their effect | approaches to represent | understanding | groups using appropriate | approaches change |
| someone else | imagined way | D.3.4 - Choose vocabulary | meaning | D.5.4 - Sustain a defined | dramatic approaches | meaning |
| D.1.5 - Engage with others | D.2.5 - Engage in dramatic | and movement to match | D.4.4 - Build a character | character using | D.6.4 - Adopt and sustain a | D.7.4 - Adopt a range of |
| in imaginative play in a | play using stories and | the person, place and time | with appropriate control | appropriate voice, | range of roles using | roles taking account of |
| safe environment | other stimuli. | required by the story or | over movement and voice | movement, gesture and | appropriate voice, | purpose and audience |
| D.1.6 - Demonstrate | D.2.6 - Think clearly about | situation | D.4.5 - Use simple scripts, | facial expression. | movement, gesture and | D.7.5 - Create scripts |
| thoughts, ideas and | a variety of situations and use drama to make sense | D.3.5 - Explore the | demonstrating an | D.5.5 - Create a short | facial expression D.6.5 - Create scripts | based on more complex |
| feelings through actions and language | of them | structure of storytelling in dramatic form, showing | understanding of some theatre conventions e.g. | script based on devised work | based on devised work | situations reflecting a range of feelings and |
| D.1.7 - Respond to others | D.2.7 - Begin to discuss | some awareness of | stage directions. | D.5.6 - Comment on the | using appropriate theatre | points of view |
| in role. | their work and that of | audience | D.4.6 - Describe how | effective use of drama in | conventions | D.7.6 - Analyse the |
| | others both in and out of | D.3.6 - Express meaning | drama challenged their | exploring and interpreting | D.6.6 - Evaluate the | effectiveness of drama in |
| | role | and attitude through issue- | understanding of an issue | an issue or theme | effectiveness of drama in | exploring complex issues |
| | D.2.8 - Understand the | based drama e.g. bullying | or a theme | D.5.7 - Evaluate their own | exploring a range of issues | D.7.7 - Analyse their own |
| | difference between | D.3.7 - Reflect upon the | D.4.7 - Reflect on and | and others' work | D.6.7 - Use their | and others' work making |
| | pretence and reality within | meaning and | begin to evaluate their | D.5.8 - Explain how and | knowledge of dramatic | connections with a range |
| | specific contexts | understanding of their | own and others' work, | why they have developed | contexts to evaluate their | of genres |
| | D.2.9 - Talk about their choice of voice, | work and that of others, both in and out of role | suggesting improvements | a role as a result of | own and others' work | D.7.8 - Analyse how their own and others' |
| | movement, gesture, facial | D.3.8 - Discuss their own | and using correct basic theatre terminology | exploring different dramatic approaches | D.6.8 - Justify their choice of approaches in creating a | interpretation of character |
| | expression and | work and the work of | D.4.8 - Comment on the | D.5.9 - Evaluate the | role | changes meaning |
| | appropriateness to | others, showing | effectiveness of their | appropriateness of their | D.6.9 - Evaluate the | D.7.9 - Evaluate the effect |
| | character. | understanding of different | structuring of dramatic | use of voice, movement, | appropriateness of their | of the use of voice, |
| | | drama forms e.g. the way | sequences | gesture and facial | use of voice, movement, | movement, gesture and |
| | | the story is told, the | D.4.9 - Begin to evaluate | expression in a defined | gesture and facial | facial expression in a range |
| | | characters portrayed and | the appropriateness of | role | expression in a range of | of roles taking account of |
| | | the themes depicted | their use of voice, | D.5.10 - Evaluate the | roles | purpose and audience |
| | | D.3.9 - Reflect upon their | movement, gesture and | effectiveness of the use of | D.6.10 - Evaluate the | D.7.10 - Analyse the |
| | | choice of voice, | facial expression. | language and theatre | effectiveness of the use of | effectiveness of the use of |
| | | movement, gesture and | | conventions in scripts | script for a chosen | script for a chosen |
| | | facial expression. | | | audience. | audience. |
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