

Curriculum Overview – Drama

Teaching Drama in the classroom introduces to children a world of magic, wonder and possibility. It encourages them to speak and act confidently in public, express themselves and use their imaginations and creativity freely without judgement. All of these are extremely useful transferable skills.

The core of our classes is based around a wide variety of traditional and new drama games and exercises, beginning with warm up games, where the class is encouraged to both work together as a group-listening and responding-and to create a sense of trust. We use physical and vocal warm ups which are both challenging and fun and allow everyone to feel included. We then move on to games focussing on character, energy, teamwork, storytelling and familiarity.

Improvisation is key to encouraging spontaneity and creativity and we aim to include improvising scenes every week-particularly as the children love it! It works well in both pairs and bigger groups and is a brilliant way for students to learn about not only thinking imaginatively but to begin to think about stage craft-diction, projection, characterisation etc-in performance.

We also sometimes work with short scripts which the students then perform to the group- the children really enjoying staging these themselves and often come up with extremely creative and funny ideas.

So in summary, our Drama class will encourage-

- 1 Creativity and imagination
- 2 Confidence
- 3 Working in a team
- 4 Listening skills
- 5 English language and communication skills

We also hope the classes are good fun and are something the students really look forward to.