

DANCE & DRAMA CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR 1

The girls explore basic body actions and use different parts of the body to create movements. They have opportunities to copy, create and repeat short dance phrases inspired by different themes linked to the curriculum. Year 1 have the opportunity to develop their role playing and theatre skills by performing in the Christmas Nativity.

YEAR 2

In Year 2 the girls create, perform and evaluate a range of short dance phrases which communicate different feelings, moods and ideas. Throughout the year they experience different dance genres and develop an awareness of dance from different countries. Year 2 also have the opportunity to develop their role playing and theatre skills by performing in the Christmas Nativity.

YEAR 3

During the year the girls have opportunities to improvise using a wide range of movements whilst expressing the idea, mood and feeling of dance. They begin to take the lead when composing dance motifs and evaluate their own work. Year 3 also has the opportunity to participate in production work for an audience where they can develop role playing and theatre skills.

YEAR 4

The girls have opportunities to respond imaginatively to a range of stimuli. They compose, perform and evaluate simple dance motifs independently and in group situations. Year 4 are able to give reasons why physical activities are good for health and use a wide range of dance vocabulary to describe, interpret and evaluate dance. In drama, the class have taken part in role play activities and participated in production work for audiences, which provides many opportunities to develop confidence, acting and theatre craft.

YEAR 5

Throughout the year the class have many opportunities to compose motifs and dance phrases creatively and collaboratively in groups. They continue to develop, adapt and refine the way they use weight, space and rhythm in their dances to express themselves. The girls experience a range of different dance genres from different times and cultures. In Drama, Year 5 have many opportunities to participate in production work for audiences.