## **Home-School Learning Collaboration –** Drama



Topics in this cycle: Introduction to Drama	Taught: Autumn 1	Year Group: Year 7
Key knowledge/concepts to be learnt ('Tell me about')		') Websites/blogs/YouTube links and further reading to deepen and consolidate learning
Exploration of a range of drama techniques and how can I use them effectively to convey a theme, story, or message: Rolling tableaux: What is a rolling tableaux and how does it differ from a still image? Thought tracking: How can I deliver a thought track successfully on stage? Sound collage: How can we use a sound collage effectively on stage? How does the sounds created impact the mood or atmosphere? Explanation of what is a sound collage and what impact do they create on a performance.  Cross Cutting: Step by step guide: how to use cross-cutting. Why is cross-cutting a useful technique in performance? Flashback: What is flashback? How can we use flashback to reveal important moments on stage? What purpose does using flashback have on a performance? What moments should we choose to show in a flashback?		Drama games and warm up activities:  Drama Games - Drama Resource  Anti-bullying video: 2015 Anti-Bullying Video - YouTube  Angel vs Devil Example: Emperor's New Groove (1/8) Best Movie Quote -
How can I use a range of performance skills to convey a character confidently and accurately: Exploration of the drama skills: Facial expression and Body language. How can we use our drama skills facial expression and body language to portray our characters effectively.		
Contrast: Understand what is contrast and how it can be shown on stage. Students will show a contrast on stage using drama skills whilst understand the advantages and disadvantages to traverse staging.		
<b>Explorative strategies:</b> Understand how to use explorative strategies to explore a character's thoughts in greater detail. How can we explore a characters dilemma through the drama explorative strategies: Conscience alley and Angel Vs Devil.		
Costume Design: Understanding the critical role of a costume designer. How can we effectively use costume to represent a character? How to analyse and design a costume effectively with meaning and reason. Students have designed a costume to consider the following: Colour, Size, Material, Style, Size and Time.		eaning and reason.

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Key Vocabulary and Definitions To Be Learnt		What Will The Assessment Look Like?	
Drama Skill	Drama skills are used by the actor to portray the characters feelings, motivations, and relationships. There are 14 different drama skills we use in drama.	Formatively assessed: Students will critically reflect on their performance and that of others to consider the	
Drama Technique	Added to the performance to inform or engage an audience.	impact and effectiveness on the performance.  Performance Reflection:	
Thought track	A moment when a character speaks directly to the audience revealing their inner thoughts and feelings at a particular moment in the drama.		
Rolling tableaux	A series of still images placed together with a transition to represent a scene or story.	<ul> <li>Feedback: What worked well?</li> <li>Feedforward: Next steps to improve for future performances.</li> </ul>	
Still image	An explorative strategy used to explore a stand-alone image used to represent an idea, theme or message.		
Role play	When an actor steps into the shoes of a character or person and begins to act as that character would in the situation.	Family Learning Opportunities	
Facial Expression	A drama skill where the actors use their face to show expressions and, or reactions in a performance.		
Body Language	A drama skill in which the actor positions or moves around the space revealing the characters age, status and/or characteristics.	- Read stories together and involve your child in acting out different parts.	
Contrast	Contrast is a difference between two or more things placed side by side for dramatic effect.	- Design a costume for one of the characters	
Traverse staging	A traverse stage is long and narrow with the audience sitting on either side, like a catwalk.	from the play.  - Create a sound collage of the following places: Zoo, Rainforest, School playground, hospital.	
Conscience alley	A way of exploring thoughts to provide an opportunity to reflect in detail on the underlying issues.		
Angel vs Devil	An explorative strategy that can be used in both the rehearsals or in the performance. During a dilemma, an angel and devil character will appear to persuade or dissuade the character when deciding.		
Sound collage	A drama technique in which a combination of sounds, including vocal and instrumental sounds, to create a specific atmosphere or to accompany important moments of a scene.		

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Cross cutting	A drama technique where two or more scenes which that take place at the same time but in two locations. The scenes are performed one after the other.
Flashback	A drama technique when a scene goes back in time (from the previous scene(s)). To inform the audience about a moment that happened previously.

