

Year 8 Curriculum Overview 2017 -2018

Subject: Drama



Term		Content	Assessment Tasks
Autumn Term	Half Term 1	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'Past, Present and Future': pupils explore features & emotions of their final weeks at primary school. This improvisation is designed to clearly show why primary school is so different to secondary school.</p>	In teams of 4-6, pupils are to present, through character, costume, movement and setting, how they spoke, behaved and conducted themselves at primary school.
	Half Term 2	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'The Present': this now includes a more creative element, as opposed to being factual. Pupils are to devise improvisations that imagine what it would be like to be in Britain's best/worst secondary school.</p>	In teams of 4-6. Power Point, props, costumes, set, characterisation, including use of formal and informal language, accents and vocabulary, as well as movement will be assessed.
Spring Term	Half Term 3	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'The Future': pupils are to characterise themselves as Britain's happiest family in a given special occasion-wedding, holiday, Christmas.</p>	In teams of 4-6. Focus upon: use of eye contact, being tactile, being positive, loving, caring, inclusive and body language.
	Half Term 4	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'Death in the Family': to explore the aftermath of the death of a parent in the 'happy' family.</p>	In teams of 4-6. Pupils can swap around the characters. Assessment on how their portrayal of deeper emotional states and the ability to sustain the roles.
Summer Term	Half Term 5	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'New Families': the 'happy' adult remarries & pupils are asked to explore what happens when the happy children move into the step-parent's house.</p>	In teams of 4-6. Pupils assessed on the contrasts in movement, language and culture.
	Half Term 6	<p>Pupils to complete:</p> <p>'Running Away': to explore how the future might be if 'good' children ran away from a horrible situation.</p>	In teams of 4-6. Pupils to be assessed on how they can demonstrate ulterior motives through the surface of their words and actions.