



DRAMA GUIDANCE

Intent

At Ravenbank our main intention is to ensure Drama is used within all aspects of learning to promote confident learners who are prepared for the future socially, emotionally, physically and academically. Our aim is to integrate Drama into everyday lessons, through structured play, cross curricular learning and performance opportunities. We endeavor to inspire pupils to learn actively and interactively throughout the primary years and across the curriculum. We recognise the importance of providing children with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways, encouraging creative and innovative learning. Drama is inclusive, active and fun, providing opportunity for making, performing and responding to classroom based activities. Through the teaching of Drama we equip children with the skills needed to participate in an ever-changing world. We promote their confidence, social and academic skills, resulting in creative, independent, innovative individuals. As a result, we hope to recognise more children working at Greater Depth, across all year groups and subjects. Children will be able to apply their knowledge and skills to their wider learning, using their chosen method to demonstrate their knowledge. We will provide a creative, inclusive curriculum that compliments varying learning styles, allowing all children to achieve their full potential.

Implementation

Drama is accessible to all subjects, encouraging teachers and learners to adapt a practical learning style that is active, engaging and inclusive. At Ravenbank, children will be taught specific drama techniques within their learning, providing them with the basis on which to expand their learning. All children take part in Drama within their learning with opportunities for performance-based activities also. Teachers and teaching assistants will support children's learning by promoting their confidence, being involved in practical elements of children's learning, supporting the needs of groups and individual learners, encouraging children to evaluate and improve their work.

Inclusion

Drama creates an accelerated approach to diversity and inclusion and is a pathway to successful learning for all children. We recognise that children prefer to demonstrate their knowledge in their own way, some may prefer writing a historic recount to using Freeze frames for example. We will therefore provide children with the opportunity to display their knowledge using their own preferred method where able, recognising where tasks can be completed through the creative arts. This will allow more children the opportunity to access and display deeper learning

EYFS

Throughout the Foundation Stage, active learning takes place daily and teaching methods are adapted to meet individual needs. Much of the work in Drama is rooted in the children's own experiences of early and structured play. Children express themselves through role play, music, art, dance and stories and Drama is often at the forefront of our children's learning.

Learning Outside the Classroom

At Ravenbank, we recognise that our children love to learn outdoors, and Drama is an ideal subject to be taken anywhere! Children extend and secure their learning through Drama and can complete tasks independently or as part of a group. Drama can be utilised in all subjects and children enjoy taking their learning outside where they can enjoy the freedom of a larger area to develop their skills such as voice projection and teamwork. Drama club regularly takes learning outside, exploring role play and games that require a larger area, developing physical skills and spatial awareness.

Real-life links

Through the teaching of Drama, children will be able to connect learning to real life situations, associating and applying real circumstances including past, present, places, emotions and even characters to their learning. These connections will help prepare children for the real world. Ravenbank has made strong connections with outside agencies linking to Drama such as Manchester Actors and visits to Parr Hall. Cross curricular links are made regularly across subjects and children often use Drama to bring their learning to life, using skills such as recounts, conscience alley, points of view.

Impact

Teaching Drama at Ravenbank contributes to accelerated learning throughout school. This creates confident, cooperative, creative and aware learners who not only have a greater understanding of the world around them but also have a creative outlet that supports their wellbeing. Our children understand theirs and other's feelings whilst incorporating high level language and communication skills, providing them with skills for life and preparing them for the wider world. At Ravenbank, we have an active Arts input that improves learners' attitudes and self-confidence with a consequent positive effect on their performance throughout primary education. Children are taught a range of dramatic and theatrical skills which can be utilised within their own lives; including taking the path to pursue an acting career in theatre or on screen.