

KS3 YEAR 8 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

SUBJECT: DRAMA



Topics being taught

Devising Theatre – Using a range of Stimuli to create contemporary theatre building on skills learnt in Year 7.

OCTOBER 1/2 TERM

Live Theatre – Watch a live theatre performance and analyse performance and production elements.

What you will be assessed on

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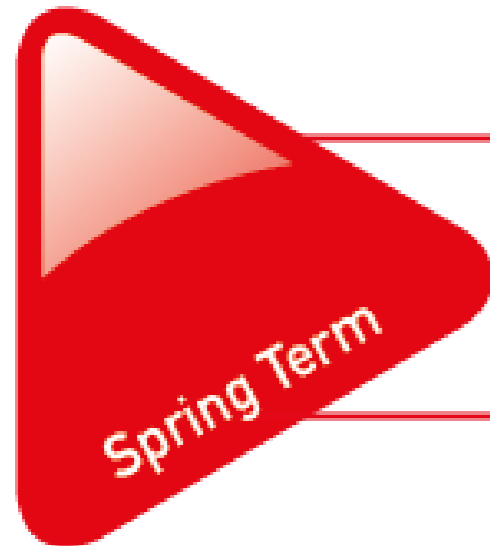
How you can support at home

Discussing key skills and how to use them.

Look for characterisation examples in TV and film.

Look for and analyse excellent examples of character in TV and Film.

Look at a range of comedy and consider which elements make us laugh and why.



CHRISTMAS

Comedy – How we create a range of comedy such as slapstick and satire.

FEBRUARY 1/2 TERM

Theatre Styles – Understanding and working in a range of theatre styles with knowledge of how these are performed differently.

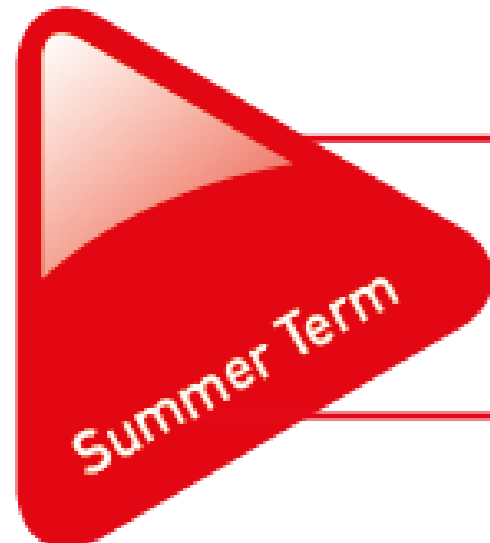
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Look for examples of slapstick comedy such as Monty Python.

Discuss satire and look at examples such as Spitting Image.

Look for examples of different styles and genres of performance to watch and discuss.

Discussion around the topic and what your child has learnt.



EASTER

Dr Faustus – Exploring scripted theatre and applying the style of Berkoff as a practitioner.

MAY 1/2 TERM

Children of Syria – Understanding the war in Syria and the impact on innocent people through physical theatre.

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Discussing the story of Dr Faustus with students and reviewing how they have performed this.

Explore the seven deadly sins and why they are still relevant to society today.

Discuss the war in Syria with students.

Explore why it is important to look at such stories through the lens of kindness and empathy.

