

Links to the PE National Curriculum

- Pupils should continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills, learning how to use them in different ways and to link them to make actions and sequences of movement.
- Pupils should be taught to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.
- Pupils should be taught to perform dances using a range of movement patterns.

Key Skills: Physical

- Using canon, unison, formation, dynamics, pathways, direction
- Copying and performing actions
- Control
- Balance



Key Skills: S.E.T

- Social: Sharing ideas
- Social: Respect
- Social: Inclusion of others
- Social: Leadership
- Social: Working safely
- Emotional: Confidence
- Emotional: Acceptance
- Thinking: Selecting and applying actions
- Thinking: Creating
- Thinking: Observing and providing feedback

Performance Ideas

- Performing in front of the class can be a daunting task for some pupils. Be mindful to introduce this gradually by encouraging pupils to perform without forcing them. Performance is an important part of dance but can also be time consuming if not structured correctly.

Performing, some good ideas:

- Create an environment in which pupils feel safe to perform by teaching the audience how to be respectful.
- Help the audience to structure their feedback with positive comments first, followed by areas to improve.
- Encourage pupils to use the correct dance terminology in their feedback.
- Ways to perform: half the class to the other half, one individual to another, one pair to another, three groups at a time etc.

Key Vocabulary:

- unison • explore • create • feedback
- perform • timing • levels • flow
- dynamics • expression • actions

Teacher Glossary

- Counts:** A performer uses counts to stay in time with the music and / or other performers.
- Action:** The movement a dancer does e.g. travel, jump, kick.
- Level:** High, medium and low.
- Pathway:** Designs traced in space (on the floor or in the air).
- Unison:** Two or more dancers performing the same movement at the same time.
- Canon:** Performing movements one after the other.
- Formation:** where dancers are in relation to each other.
- Dynamics:** How a movement is performed e.g. robotically, softly.