

## Close up benefits of Drama and Dance

### **Drama:**

Children can really flourish in Drama. The extrovert child will have the chance to show off his or her exuberance, whilst a more introverted will have the opportunity to open up and become a different character. Drama allows the child to think in a creative way, to solve problems, and to use the type of effective communication skills that get the point across. These skills are transferable across the curriculum. Also, as most acting performances involve working in a group, pupils are taught the value of teamwork and empathy. They can now see life from another character's viewpoint. By doing this, children will enjoy trying out different roles and pretending to be someone else.

### **Dance:**

Dance is so diverse and with so many disciplines to choose from. Through dance, children learn about movement, expression and self-control. And their levels of concentration and memory skills will build as they progress.

### Perseverance

Acting, music and dance all command high levels of self-discipline. Yes, the performance may be fun, but it isn't always easy. When the going gets tough, children are challenged to learn ways of coping. By being in the company of so many positive people, such as teachers, coaches and peers, youngsters often learn the priceless ability to pick themselves up and keep going - Yet another invaluable life skill.

**Plus, it's fun!!!**

## Performing Arts

Curwen is proud to be promoting the Performing Arts in school this year. It is a new venture that will develop the skills of potential for fellow actors, dancers, singers and presenters. The performing arts allow children to face different challenges by immersing themselves creatively and to look at things in a different perspective.

### What will the children be learning?

As well as the performance disciplines mentioned (Dance, Drama, Music, Singing), the skills in this subject are a platform for developing proficiency in all basic skills in speaking and listening for their future. Performing Arts will encourage a child's social development and understanding and develop these basic skills:

Speaking clearly and confidently

Showing empathy

Listening

Working in a group

Leading

Self -Discipline

### What will my child gain from pursuing a performing art?

Children benefit in a huge number of ways. One of the main benefits to the creative arts is self-belief: For a child to grow any talent, success can be achieved through self-belief. An invaluable lesson for a child to learn is to recognise any natural ability they may have. Likewise, to acknowledge - without sinking into a negative thought process- weaknesses that they need to work extra hard at to eradicate. Yes, this may seem a very grown up trait. But it's one that, identified early in life, will help so much later. And just by the nature of the performing arts, children are faced with this emotional challenge in a cushioned sort of way. As children grow, they will learn the best way to overcome fear is to face it.

## How can my child be involved?

Year 5/6

### Shakespeare Schools Festival



Auditions for the festival takes place every July and in the new school year, the dedicated cast are rehearse through lunchtimes and after school to bring the word of Shakespeare to life on stage.

They are to showcase their performance on a professional stage at Stratford Circus in front of a packed audience. An incredible opportunity for them!

Drama Club is also on offer after school led by our in house Drama practitioner Mr Drayton - Speak to your teacher or Miss Tully for more information / availability

### Finally...

Keep an eye on the newsletter for Concerts a Events in the school where your child will be performing to an audience



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A guide to what we are learning and how you can help your child.

*“Life is a stage –Embrace it”*

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