



Year 4 Dance 4.3

National Curriculum objectives

Perform dances using a range of movement patterns.

These skills are fluid and may commence later or earlier in specific year groups and possibly cross them contingent of outcomes.

Key Learning

Performance and appreciation

• Developing dance when creating one piece, performing in unison and sync with other group members in front of the class. Self- assess and assess peers' work, and give feedback using appropriate dance vocabulary.

Choreography

• Developing synchronisation when working in a group including to different rhythms. Respond to teacher instruction to create a choreographed dance routine.

Movement

- Developing choreographic skill incorporating more free creative thinking
- Developing good co-ordination within a sequence of movements
- Movements articulate the style of dance well
- Use music to influence movement with increasing skill

Equipment

- Different styles of music for different styles of dances
- Videos of different styles of dances (this can change dependent on the teacher's preference)
- Rock n roll music (teacher's choice)

What do we notice about this style of dance?

Key Questions

What makes a good performer?

Safety

• Remove all jewellery including earrings • Long hair must be tied back • Wear suitable footwear • Use correct techniques • Complete a warm-up and cool-down

Key Vocabulary

Ballet: A type of dancing where carefully organized movements tell a story or express an idea.
Charleston: A social jazz dance highly popular in the 1920s.
Co-ordinate: The ability to perform actions smoothly and efficiently with different
parts of the body.
Counts of 8: A rhythmic grouping of beats that repeat i.e. 8-count .
Hand jive: A dance style associated with the rock and roll and rhythm and blues
music of the 1950s, comprising a complicated pattern of hand moves and claps at
various parts of the body.
Jive: A dance style that originated in the United States from African-Americans in
the early 1930s.
Lift: A straight lift, one dancer lifts another dancer by their hands (usually at the
waist) opposite
Pace: The rate of activity or movement.
Rhythm: In dance is expressing the rhythm of music through the body.
Rock n roll: Dance style that emerged in America from the Swing dance Lindy Hop.
Sequence: A group of linked movements.
Swing: Group of dances that developed with the swing style of jazz music in the
1920s–1940s.
Timing: To moving to the beat of the music.
Transition: Movement, passage, or change from one position to another.
Turns: Is a rotation of the body about the vertical axis.
Unison: When two or more dancers perform the same steps at the same time.
What makes a good performer?