

Dance Progression Ladder

Knowledge



Skills

<p>Actions: show controlled movements which express emotion and feeling. Dynamics: explore, improvise and combine dynamics to express ideas fluently and effectively on my own, with a partner or in a small group. Space and relationships: use a variety of compositional principles when creating my own dances. Performance: demonstrate a clear understanding of timing in relation to the music and other dancers throughout my performance.</p>	<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Actions: understand that actions can be improved with consideration to extension, shape and recognition of intent. Dynamics: understand that selecting a variety of dynamics in my performance can help to take the audience on a journey through my dance idea. Space and relationships: know that combining space and relationships with a prop can help me to express my dance idea. Performance: understand how a leader can ensure our dance group performs together. Strategy: know that if I keep in character throughout, it will help me to express an atmosphere or mood that can be interpreted by the audience.</p>
<p>Actions: choreograph dances by using, adapting and developing actions and steps from different dance styles. Dynamics: confidently use dynamics to express different dance styles. Space: confidently use direction and patterning to express different dance styles. Relationships: confidently use formations, canon and unison to express a dance idea. Performance: perform dances expressively, using a range of performance skills, showing accuracy and fluency.</p>	<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Actions: understand that different dance styles utilise selected actions to develop sequences in a specific style. Dynamics: understand that different dance styles utilise selected dynamics to express mood. Space: understand that space relates to where my body moves both on the floor and in the air. Relationships: understand that different dance styles utilise selected relationships to express mood. Performance: understand what makes a performance effective and know how to apply these principles to my own and others' work. Strategy: know that if I use dance principles it will help me to express an atmosphere or mood.</p>
<p>Actions: respond imaginatively to a range of stimuli related to character and narrative. Dynamics: change dynamics confidently within a performance to express changes in character. Space: confidently use changes in level, direction and pathway. Relationships: use action and reaction to represent an idea. Performance: perform complex dances that communicate narrative and character well, performing clearly and fluently.</p>	<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Actions: understand that some actions are better suited to a certain character, mood or idea than others. Dynamics: understand that some dynamics are better suited to a certain character, mood or idea than others. Space: understand that space can be used to express a certain character, mood or idea. Relationships: understand that some relationships are better suited to a certain character, mood or idea than others. Performance: know that being aware of other performers in my group will help us to move in time. Strategy: know that I can select from a range of dance techniques to translate my idea.</p>
<p>Actions: create actions in response to a stimulus individually and in groups. Dynamics: use dynamics effectively to express an idea. Space: use direction to transition between formations. Relationships: develop an understanding of formations. Performance: perform short, self-choreographed phrases showing an awareness of timing.</p>	<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Actions: understand that sharing ideas with others enables my group to work collaboratively and try ideas before deciding on the best actions for our dance. Dynamics: understand that all actions can be performed differently to help to show effect. Space: understand that I can use space to help my dance to flow. Relationships: understand that 'formation' means the same in dance as in other activities such as football, rugby and gymnastics. Performance: understand that I can use timing techniques such as canon and unison to create effect. Strategy: know that if I show sensitivity to the music, my performance will look more complete.</p>
<p>Actions: accurately remember, repeat and link actions to express an idea. Dynamics: develop an understanding of dynamics. Space: develop the use of pathways and travelling actions to include levels. Relationships: explore working with a partner using unison, matching and mirroring. Performance: develop the use of facial expressions in my performance.</p>	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Actions: know that sequencing actions in a particular order will help me to tell the story of my dance. Dynamics: understand that I can change the way I perform actions to show an idea. Space: know that I can use different directions, pathways and levels in my dance. Relationships: know that using counts of 8 will help me to stay in time with my partner and the music. Performance: know that using facial expressions helps to show the mood of my dance. Strategy: know that if I practice my dance my performance will improve.</p>
<p>Actions: copy, remember and repeat actions to represent a theme. Create my own actions in relation to a theme. Dynamics: explore varying speeds to represent an idea. Space: explore pathways within my performance. Relationships: begin to explore actions and pathways with a partner. Performance: perform on my own and with others to an audience.</p>	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Actions: understand that actions can be sequenced to create a dance. Dynamics: understand that I can create fast and slow actions to show an idea. Space: understand that there are different directions and pathways within space. Relationships: understand that when dancing with a partner it is important to be aware of each other and keep in time. Performance: know that standing still at the start and at the end of the dance lets the audience know when I have started and when I have finished. Strategy: know that if I use exaggerated actions it helps the audience to see them clearly.</p>
<p>Actions: explore how my body moves. Copy basic body actions and rhythms. Dynamics: explore actions in response to music and an idea. Space: begin to explore pathways and the space around me and in relation to others. Performance: perform short phrases of movement in front of others.</p>	<p>EYFS</p>	<p>Actions: understand that I can move my body in different ways to create interesting actions. Dynamics: understand that I can change my action to show an idea. Space: know that if I move into space it will help to keep me and others safe. Performance: know that when watching others I sit quietly and clap at the end. Strategy: know that if I use lots of space, it helps to make my dance look interesting.</p>

