

Dance Progressions of skills						
 KS2 National Curiculum Aims Use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination Play competitive games, modified where appropriate [for example, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders and tennis], and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending Develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through athletics and gymnastics] Perform dances using a range of movement patterns Take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team Compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best 		 KS2 National Curriculum Aims The main KS2 national curriculum aims covered in the Dance units are: develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance perform dances using a range of movement patterns compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best 				
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
Copy remember and perform a dance phrase Create short dance phrases that communicate an idea.	Copy, remember and adapt set choreography. Choreograph considering structure individually, with a	Accurately copy and repeat set choreography in different styles of dance showing a good sense of timing.	Perform dances confidently and fluently with accuracy and good timing.			
Use canon, unison and formation to represent an idea.	partner and in a group. Use action and reaction to represent an idea.	Choreograph phrases individually and with others considering actions, dynamics, space and relationships in response to a	Work creatively and imaginatively individually, with a partner and in a group to choreograph longer			
Match dynamic and expressive qualities to a range of ideas.	Change dynamics to express changes in character or narrative.	stimulus. Confidently perform choosing appropriate dynamics to represent an idea.	phrases and structure dance considering actions, space, relationship and dynamics in relation to			



Use counts to keep in time	Use counts when		a theme.
with a partner and group.	choreographing short phrases.	Use counts accurately when	
		choreographing to perform in	Improvise and
Skills	Skills	time with others and the	combine dynamics
		music.	demonstrating an
Actions: create actions in	Actions: respond imaginatively		awareness of the
response to a stimulus	to a range of stimuli related to	Skills	impact on
individually and in groups.	character and narrative.		performance
Dynamics : use dynamics	Dynamics : change dynamics	Actions: choreograph dances	
effectively to express an idea.	confidently within a	by using, adapting and	Use counts when
Space : use direction to	performance to express	developing actions and steps	choreographing and
transition between formations.	changes in character.	from different dance styles.	performing to
Relationships: develop an	Space: confidently use	Dynamics : confidently use	improve the quality
	changes in level, direction	dynamics to express different	of work.
understanding of formations. Performance : perform short,	and pathway. Relationships:	dance styles. Space:	
self-choreographed phrases	use action and reaction to	confidently use direction and	
showing an awareness of	represent an idea.	patterning to express different	Skills
timing.	Performance: perform	dance styles.	
inning.	complex dances that	Relationships: confidently use	Actions: show controlled
Knowledge	communicate narrative and	formations, canon and unison	movements which express
Knowledge	character well, performing	to express a dance idea.	emotion and feeling.
· · · · · · · ·	clearly and fluently.	Performance : perform dances	Dynamics : explore, improvise
Actions: understand that		expressively, using a range of	and combine dynamics to
sharing ideas with others	Knowladaa	performance skills, showing	express ideas fluently and
enables my group to work	Knowledge	accuracy and fluency.	effectively on my own, with a
collaboratively and try ideas		decordey and noency.	partner or in a small group.
before deciding on the best	Actions: understand that some	Knowledge	Space and relationships: Use a
actions for our dance.	actions are better suited to a	Knowledge	variety of compositional
Dynamics : understand that all	certain character, mood or		principles when creating my
actions can be performed	idea than others.	Actions: understand that	own dances. Performance:
differently to help to show	Dynamics : understand that	different dance styles utilise	demonstrate a clear
effect. Space: understand	some dynamics are better	selected actions to develop	understanding of timing in
that I can use space to help	suited to a certain character,	sequences in a specific style.	relation to the music and



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.	 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 	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	other dancers throughout my performance. Knowledge 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.
		dance principles it will help me to express an atmosphere or mood.	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.