# **OVERVIEW OF MODULE 3 TITLES**

Below you will see the Titles, Topic Links and outline descriptions for Drama Literacy Module 3.

CONTENT - In this Module there is a Progression for most stages from Modules 1 and 2. The activities in Module 3 tend to be more challenging for the teachers and students particularly in the Upper Primary stages with Pass The Story Technique and using our demonstrations as a Template for the students' own ideas.

Whole class activities in the lower stages require a bit more organisation for teachers although if you have been using previous Modules then this should be very achievable now.

In Module 3 there are more topic based lessons for most stages and we have included our early interactive videos Deadeye and The Spirits of Stokelake House in the P5 -P6 sections. The documentation for these is different in format and we look forward to your comments on this and on the videos themselves.

There is a Games Videos and a section on fun, classroom games that support teaching spelling.

Also included is Little Red, an Intermediate Teaching Level Training Video for teachers of Early Years.

A second Training video for Upper Primary features Louise with a class in a Drama Literacy Topic based on the book Wonder by R J Palacio.

In a Top Tips Video Julie explains the power of Teacher In Role Teaching Technique for those teachers wanting to take their own teaching to another level.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT Please remember that you can choose do a video lesson from a younger stage than the one you currently teach, unless you discuss with colleagues ensuring the lessons will not be repeated for the class at a later stage and also that the content is achievable for your class.

Remember always to allow students time to SHARE their written work - this is the key ingredient of Literacy success.

If teachers need any help tweaking the content to match student ability levels please do drop us an email - we are very happy to help.

If you have no experience as yet of the format we do advise you to start with Modules 1 and 2.

You can get started anytime and we'd love to have you as part of and informing on the original build of this new, dynamic resource. Get in touch if your school would like to participate.

Any questions for us, just ask.

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# **Games Videos**

Games 2



**Games 2 Documentation** 

Alibi - A focus, listening game for Upper Primary



**Alibi Documentation** 

Primary 1/Reception Videos will be added to Module 3 ready or the Summer Term. We are currently taking suggestions and ideas from teachers to include so please if you have any do let us know.

## PRIMARY 2 / YEAR 1 / APPROX AGE 6

**Primary 2 Overview Module 3** 

**Bugs and Butterflies** 



**Bugs and Butterflies Documentation** 

**Bugs and Butterflies 2** 



Bugs and Butterflies 2
Documentation

**Saving Smudge** 



**Saving Smudge Documentation** 

Saving Smudge 2



Saving Smudge 2 Documentation

The Magic Paint Pot



The Magic Paint Pot Documentation

In Module 3 we continue with whole class activities, paired improvisations and small group scenes and begin to extend into specific Drama techniques such as Telephone Technique and use of suspense to enhance the "theatre" of a scene.

The students will also be using their written work WITHIN the Drama story at times - writing notes for example.

Details and ordering of events within the scenes is also something at this stage that we would be drawing attention to.

As always we strongly advise that any written work is shared and talked about reinforcing positivity towards writing at this young age.

| Lesson Titles   | Topic Links        | Key Drama Skills                         | Literacy   |
|---|--------------------|--|--|
| Bugs and Butterflies  | Gardens            | Whole Class Mime and<br>Movement         | Writing notes that to use in the next lesson             |
| The first of two lessons about life in an overgrown garden that becomes | Insects            | Listening, Watching & Recall             |  |
| disturbed when the new house owners begin to tidy it up.                |                    | Paired and Small Group<br>Improvisations |  |
| tidy it up.   |                    | Characterisation                         |  |
|   |                    | Note Writing                             |  |
| Bugs and Butterflies 2  When the humans decide                          |                    | Improvisation & Characterisation         | Reading the written notes within a scene                 |
| to throw a garden party,<br>the bugs are on the move.                   |                    | Using Writing Within A Scene             |  |
|   |                    | Listening & Recall                       |  |
|   |                    | Telephone Technique                      |  |
|   |                    | Repetition                               |  |
|   |                    | Suspense                                 |  |
| Saving Smudge   | People Who help Us | Listening & Watching                     | Drawing pictures from the story and writing descriptions |
| When Smudge the cat is stuck up a tree, young                           | Pets               | Paired Improvisation & Mime              |  |
| Nicky is very worried and<br>Auntie Jean calls the Fire                 |                    | Characterisation                         |  |
| Brigade.  |                    | Telephone Technique                      |  |
|   |                    |  |  |
| Saving Smudge 2 Nicky can wait no longer                                | As Above           | Mime                                     | Writing Thank You letters                                |
| for the Fire Officers and falls when attempting to                      |                    | Listening & Watching                     |  |
| climb the tree to save<br>Smudge.                                       |                    | Paired Improvisation                     |  |

|   |        | Characterisation                           |  |
|---|--------|--|--|
| The Magic Paint   | Toys   | Watching/Listening                         | Recalling colour descriptions and      |
| When a Toymaker takes on a very large order for toys things go wrong with painting them. It is up to the Apprentices to sort it out with a bit of magical help! | Colour | Whole Class Mime Game Paired Improvisation | presenting them as drawing and writing |

#### PRIMARY 3 / YEAR 2 / APPROX AGE 7

Primary 3 Overview Module 3

Mr and Mrs Pig's Night Out



Mr and Mrs Pig's Night Out

Documentation

Mr and Mrs Pig's Night Out 2



Mr and Mrs Pig's Night Out 2

Documentation

Doorbell Sound Effect

**Treasure Box 1** 



**Treasure Box Documentation** 

**Treasure Box 2** 



**Treasure Box Documentation 2** 

#### **Emily And The Frogs**



**Emily And The Frogs Documentation** 

**Emily And The Frogs 2** 



Emily And The Frogs 2
Documentation

In Module 3 we continue with whole class activities and in small group scenes we demonstrate doubling up a part.

Use of voice and engaging an audience is highlighted and characterisation is a key element in most of the lessons.

Decision making and problem solving are embedded within the lessons and also a look at behaviours and how we can reflect on behaviour that is not acceptable.

There is a variety of Literacy tasks - invitations, alphabetical order, letters, maps, written descriptions, scrapbooks and diaries. Other writing activities are mentioned in the documentation.

| Lesson Titles   | Topic Links | Key Drama Skills                       | Literacy  |
|---|-------------|--|---|
| Mr and Mrs Pig's Night<br>Out   | Farms       | Listening & Watching                   | Writing invitations                             |
| It's the Farmyard Disco<br>and Mr & Mrs are invited   | Animals     | Paired Improvisation & Mime            |   |
| but who will babysit the piglets?   |             | Characterisation                       |   |
| Only Mrs Wolf is available!   |             | Telephone Technique                    |   |
|   |             | Use of Voice                           |   |
|   |             | Writing an Invitation                  |   |
| Mr and Mrs Pig's Night<br>Out 2   | As Above    | Listening & Watching                   | Writing Thank You letters                       |
| With the parent pigs gone, it's time for Mrs Pig's  |             | Whole Class and Group<br>Improvisation |   |
| evening snack but will it go as planned?  |             | Characterisation                       |   |
|   |             | Problem Solving                        |   |
| Treasure Box  | Pirates     | Whole Class Mime and Movement          | Making and Using Maps                           |
| A looming storm at sea<br>prompts some pirates to<br>bury their treasure box on                   | The Sea     | Listening, Watching                    |   |
| a desert island for safekeeping.  |             | Storytelling-Engaging An<br>Audience   |   |
|   |             | Small Group Improvisations             |   |
|   |             | Characterisation                       |   |
|   |             | Map Making                             |   |
| Treasure Box 2  | As Above    | Improvisation & Characterisation       | Drawings & Written Descriptions Ordering Events |
| A troop of monkeys<br>discover the pirate<br>treasure box and are very<br>happy to be wearing the |             | Mime & Movement<br>(Changing Speed)    |   |
| beautiful jewels.   |             | Recalling Detail                       |   |
| Not so happy with the treasure box now full of  |             | Timing                                 |   |
| banana skins, are the pirates however!  |             | Decision Making                        |   |

| Emily and The Frogs  | Springtime                  | Watching & Listening      | Making a scrapbook as the key character |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| A strong-willed child called Emily on a day out with               | Frogs                       | Small Group Improvisation |   |
| herself to "pets" from the   | Reflection On<br>Behaviours | Characterisation          |   |
| park pond.   |                             | Freeze End Position       |   |
|  |                             | Whole Class Movement      |   |
|  |                             | Making A Scrapbook        |   |
| Emily and the Frogs 2  | As Above                    | Watching & Listening      | Diary entry from key character          |
| Emily's new "pets" are not happy but the emergence                 |                             | Small Group Improvisation |   |
| of legs is good news and   |                             | Whole Class Mime,         |   |
| they can now escape.   |                             | Movement & Improvisation  |   |
| A return to the pond to try again proves to be a lesson for Emily. |                             | Paired Improvisation      |   |

# PRIMARY 4 / YEAR 3 / APPROX AGE 8

**Primary 4 Overview Module 3** 

#### The Island



The Island Documentation

Group Briefs

### The Island 2



**The Island 2 Documentation** 

# The Boy Who Cried Wolf



The Boy Who Cried Wolf
Documentation

### **Toni Who Cried Not Well**



Toni Who Cried Not Well
Documentation

# Bert and Pam's Tours of Scotland



Bert and Pam's Tours

Documentation

# Bert and Pam's Tours 2 -Nessie



<u>Bert and Pam's Tours - Nessie - Documentation</u>

In Module 3 we continue with whole class activities, paired and group activities. The students are encouraged to input more and more of their own ideas.

Students will also be doubling up character parts in a scene and we also look at reading with expression.

A moral story requires the students to think about behaviours and consequences.

We introduce the idea of ritual in The Island lessons to give a cultural presentation within scenes. Visualisation is another key element of the lessons.

Pam and Bert's Tours is a duo of light hearted lessons with cliff-hangers and introducing quoting from interviews into newspaper articles.

Reading out written work is also an element of Module 3.

| Lesson Titles  | Topic Links   | Key Drama Skills                             | Literacy   |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| The Boy Who Cried Wolf   | Moral Stories | Listening & Watching                         | Writing our version of this story                                      |
| Well known story about a shepherd boy whose                      |               | Small Group Improvisation                    | Using speech marks in writing  |
| attention seeking trick backfires.                               |               | Reading Out Written Work                     | Creating character voices and expression while reading out work        |
|  |               | Use of Voice and Expression<br>While Reading |  |
| Tari Marka Caind Mark Mark                                       |               | Listonia - Q Matakia -                       | We are beaution to accomb an exercise                                  |
| Toni Who Cried Not Well  |               | Listening & Watching                         | We are learning to remember scene details to enact them for ourselves. |
| Moral Stories  |               | Paired Improvisation                         | We are learning to work altogether in a                                |
| A modern version of the previous moral story.                    |               | Characterisation                             | group.   |
|  |               | Body Language                                | We are learning to write this moral story or create our own.           |
|  |               | Writing A Moral Story                        |  |
| The Island   | The Sea       | Listening & Visualisation                    | Building a story together  |
| When a tidal wave hits the tourist boat,                         | Islands       | Building A Story Collectively                | Reading group brief for scenes   |
| holidaymakers find<br>themselves stranded on a<br>desert island. |               | Group Discussion & Improvisation             | Writing a journal  |
|  |               | Exploring An Envisaged Island<br>Landscape   |  |
|  |               | Reading A Group Brief                        |  |
|  |               | Reporting Back At The Campfire               |  |

| The Island 2  | As Above                | Whole Class Improvisation & Characterisation | Deciding in small groups how the story will end            |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| The tourist-survivors meet with native islanders and  |                         | Watching & Mirroring                         | Adding to the journal                                      |
| ask for help.   |                         | Circle Ritual - Rhythmic<br>Movement         |  |
|   |                         | Recalling Detail                             |  |
|   |                         | Confrontation                                |  |
|   |                         | Dilemma                                      |  |
| Bert and Pam's Tours of Scotland  | Scotland, Holiday Tours | Configuration Mime                           | Writing postcards  |
|   | Loch Ness Monster       | Writing Postcards                            |  |
| A coach tour to Loch Ness<br>Takes the passengers to<br>many Scottish landmarks<br>and a nice stop at the |                         | Whole Group Improvisation and Cue Lines      |  |
| tearoom and gift shop.  |                         | Class Tableau                                |  |
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| Bert and Pam's Tours -<br>Nessie  | As Above                | Watching & Listening                         | Writing newspaper stories inserting quotes from interviews |
|   |                         | Small Group Improvisation                    | 4  |
| A chance meeting with the famous "monster" creates a worry for the parents                                |                         | Cliff-hangers                                |  |
| but a selfie proves that it's all true!   |                         | Interviews                                   |  |
|   |                         |  |  |

### PRIMARY 5 / YEAR 4 / APPROX AGE 9

#### Primary 5 Overview Module 3

#### The Northern Express



The Northern Express

Documentation

#### The £10 Note



The £10 Note Documentation

#### The Rainforest



**The Rainforest Documentation** 

#### The Rainforest 2



**The Rainforest 2 Documentation** 

# Deadeye

This is one of our original Interactive Teaching Videos and follows a slightly different presentation in that it is not broken up into lessons. There is enough content to use throughout a term and teachers can select from it and follow it at their own pace.

Deadeye is also suitable for presentation so get in touch for documentation and a performance video of Deadeye.



**Deadeye Documentation** 

**Deadeye Feedback and Teacher Ideas** 

In Module 3 we are looking at new ways to incorporate writing within the drama scenarios.

In The Northern Express we use Pass The Story Technique which involves reading and writing are each stage of the story building. The students are also encouraged to decide where they will take the story next.

The £10 Note is a moral dilemma which enable the students to think about what is the right thing to do in a given situation. There is a light humour to the scenarios and Devil/Angel Technique provides a powerful dramatic approach.

The Rainforest stories use mime and movement and sound effects to engage with the landscape described and then characterisation brings to live the animal characters while the students are learning about raw lifeforms there.

In the second lesson we focus on human activity in the Rainforest, the environmental issues and what we can do to address the situation.

Deadeye is a substantial topic which can last throughout a term. This is one of our original interactive videos and deviates from our usual format. Teachers can follow the entire video at their own pace, selecting only some aspects from it if they wish. There is a detailed timeline and Teacher's Notes. There are no captions in Deadeye.

In Module 3 deeper levels of focus and thought come into play. We advise teachers to take on a responsive approach to the ideas and issues that will be raised within the discussions with students, moving the drama and literacy on in a way that is more student lead.

As always the key Literacy element is that the written tasks be shared with partners or to the class so that the students know these tasks will be valued and commented on. The act of presenting their writing is a return to the practical drama activity itself which is where the engagement is most effective.

| Lesson Titles  | Topic Links        | Key Skills                               | Literacy   |
|--|--------------------|--|--|
| The Northern<br>Express  | Railways           | Listening & Watching                     | Writing the next part of the story in pairs                            |
| A journey during the   | Transport          | Improvisation & Movement                 | Using another pairs' story to add on to it in pass the story technique |
| days of steam trains opens this lesson.  | Travel             | Characterisation                         | Choosing & discussing an activity to                                   |
| Moving forward in time an abandoned  | Steam Trains       | Pass The Story Technique                 | develop the story  |
| old train carriage is<br>discovered and<br>astonishingly hits the<br>tracks again! |                    | Choosing and Agreeing a Further Activity |  |
| The £10 Note   | Moral Dilemma      | Listening & Watching                     | Deciding on a story ending   |
| When a £10 note is found in the street   |                    | Devil/Angel Technique                    | Drawing a dilemma with speech and thought bubbles                      |
| there is a moral dilemma for the   |                    | Persuasion                               | Creating an unexpected twist in the tale                               |
| finder.  |                    | Characterisation                         | an anonposed anion in the tall   |
|  |                    | Deciding Scene Outcomes                  |  |
|  |                    | Creating A Twist In The Tale             |  |
|  |                    | Discussion                               |  |
| The Rainforest-<br>Landscape and   | Rainforests        | Mime & Movement                          | Writing a rainforest diary   |
| Wildlife   | Natural Landscapes | Sound Effects                            |  |
| Physical living aspects of the rainforest, its structure and the                   |                    | Creating A Rainforest<br>Landscape       |  |
| animals living there.  |                    | Wild Life Characterisation               |  |
|  |                    | Improvisation                            |  |
|  |                    | Adding On a Scene Ending                 |  |

| The Rainforest -<br>Human Activity                              | Rainforests     | Movement &Mime            | Writing and presenting slogans to help the rainforest cause           |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|---|
| •   | Exploitation    | Characterisation, Empathy |   |
| Human exploitation of the rainforest                            | Conservation    | Hot Seating               |   |
| The lesson outlines the conflict between                        |                 | Slogan-scape              |   |
| developers and the rainforest landscape and animals.            |                 | Use of Voice              |   |
| Deadeye   | Drought         | Paired Improvisation      | Newspaper report writing  |
| The little town of Deadeye was a happy                          | Wild West Story | Characterisation          | Script writing  |
| place – then, things<br>changed. Not a drop                     |                 | Meetings                  | Writing and reading letters   |
| of rain for 3 months caused the river to                        |                 | For and Against Arguments | Creating group monster shape filling it with descriptive words        |
| dry up and the land was dry as a bone.                          |                 | Configuration Mime        | Discussing and writing down what                                      |
| A meeting is held at the saloon bar where                       |                 | Paired Scripting          | should happen next  |
| old Josephine recalls<br>her Grandpappy's                       |                 | Line Dancing              | Creating a story ending.  |
| story about the old disused copper mine                         |                 | Narration                 | Presenting the story of Deadeye as a written piece - creative writing |
| and how a visit to that mine to take                            |                 | Monster Configuration     |   |
| from it an important object changed the                         |                 | Decision Making           |   |
| luck of Deadeye. There was, however                             |                 | Discussion                |   |
| mention of a curse<br>but hey it was only a<br>story after all! |                 | Ending The Story          |   |
| Only a story? Well the townsfolk decide                         |                 |                           |   |
| to visit that mine and what happened from                       |                 |                           |   |
| that point on turned out to be mighty strange!                  |                 |                           |   |
| (16 Over To You<br>Activities)                                  |                 |                           |   |

#### PRIMARY 6-7 / YEAR 5-6 / APPROX AGE 10-11

Primary 6-7 Overview Module 3

#### **Children At Work**



Children At Work Documentation

Starter Lines pdf

Starter Lines Word Doc

#### Children At Work 2



Children At Work 2 Documentation

#### **Pot Luck Dinner Party**



Pot Luck Dinner Party
Documentation
Character Briefs

#### Pot Luck Dinner Party 2



Pot Luck Dinner Party 2
Documentation

# The Spirits of Stokelake House

This is one of our original Interactive Teaching Videos and follows a slightly different presentation in that it is not broken up into lessons. There is enough content to use throughout a term and teachers can select from it and follow it at their own pace.

Stokelake House is also suitable for presentation (see documentation below) and you can contact us for a performance video of a version filmed online during lockdown.



Stokelake House Documentation
Script For First Activity
As A Presentation Documentation

In Module 3 we take a historical view of Children At Work and into the harsh Victorian conditions using still images into mime and finally adding speech.

We provide starter lines for speech, embedding reading and focus on building tense scenes in various workplaces.

Hot Seating Technique provides a structured activity to delve into character attitudes and then writing from a character's viewpoint.

In Lesson 2 we take one of the scenarios to look at building arguments for change, creating worker demands and use of persuasion to meet these demands. Written tasks are a part of the scenes to be used in a final written piece.

By popular demand we have included another mystery/crime story. Pot Luck Dinner Party requires that the students read character briefs to inform their scene content and to contemplate motive as a key element of solving a crime. We explore the idea of "Confession" as the guilty party reflects on their motive and the students are encouraged to weigh up their empathy for them.

In Module 3 deeper levels of focus and thought come into play. We advise teachers to take on a responsive approach to the ideas and issues that will be raised within the discussions with students, moving the drama and literacy on in a way that is more student lead.

As always the key Literacy element is that the written tasks be shared with partners or to the class so that the students know these tasks will be valued and commented on. The act of presenting their writing is a return to the practical drama activity itself which is where the engagement is most effective.

| Lesson Titles   | Topic Links      | Key Skills                             | Literacy  |
|---|------------------|--|---|
| Children At Work  | Victorians       | Listening & Watching                   | Writing as a character and giving the viewpoint of that character |
| Conditions are harsh for working children in                                  | Working Children | Still Images Into Mime                 |   |
| Victorian times.  |                  | Close Observation                      |   |
| We look at work place settings where "accidents"                              |                  | Characterisation                       |   |
| are frequent and bosses are not sympathetic.                                  |                  | Use of Starter Lines                   |   |
|   |                  | Building Dramatic Tension              |   |
|   |                  | Hot Seating                            |   |
| Children At Work 2  | As Above         | Listening & Watching                   | Listing demands   |
| Mary's accident sparks anger in the factory and                               |                  | Creating A List Of Workers'<br>Demands | Interviewing and taking notes                                     |
| when the bosses dismiss<br>the workers' demands it's<br>down tools and strike |                  | Whole Class Improvisation              | Writing up newspaper reports from the interviews                  |
| action!   |                  | Characterisation                       |   |
|   |                  | Interview Technique &<br>Notetaking    |   |
| Pot Luck Dinner Party   | Mystery Story    | Character Briefs                       | Reading character briefs to become these characters               |
| A dinner party for Hector   |                  | Group Discussion &                     |   |
| Drinkwater's 60 <sup>th</sup> birthday  |                  | Improvisation                          | Writing down character motives with a                             |
| goes very wrong for<br>Hector but which one of                                |                  |  | partner   |
| the guests is responsible?  |                  | Building Suspense                      |   |
|   |                  | Considering Possible Motives In Pairs  |   |
| Pot Luck Dinner Party 2   | As Above         | Group Improvisations                   | Writing a confession  |
| •   |                  |  | _   |
| The motives are   |                  | Taking A Vote                          |   |
| investigated and the guilty   |                  |  |   |
| party will be discovered.   |                  | Creating /Enacting An Ending           |   |
| We consider the amount  |                  | Group Discussion                       |   |
| of empathy that we have   |                  |  |   |
| towards a confession.   |                  |  |   |

| The Spirits of Stokelake   | Spooky Mystery Story | Scripting                  | Reading Scripts                    |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| House  |                      |                            |                                    |
|  | Woods Mystery        | Thought Tapping            | Reading and Following Help Screens |
| On exploring an  |                      |                            |                                    |
| abandoned old house, 3   | Characters From Past | Mime & Movement            | Writing Story Chapters             |
| friends are lured to its   | Times                |                            |                                    |
| eerie tower where they meet the spirits of the                           |                      | Improvisation              | Reading Chapters In Spooky Setting |
| house.   |                      | Hot Seating                | Writing Story Endings              |
| They have a tale to tell as the friends stand listening,                 |                      | Creating Scenes            |                                    |
| spellbound.  |                      | Cliff - hanger             |                                    |
| Will they be allowed to leave or are they now involved in the story that |                      | Use of Own Ideas           |                                    |
| has entrapped the spirits  |                      | Story Endings and Enacting |                                    |
| here at Stokelake for all  |                      |                            |                                    |
| these years?   |                      |                            |                                    |

### PRIMARY 7 / YEAR 6 / APPROX AGE 11

The Leavers' Assembly videos have been included after popular request from teachers. These detail a simple presentation format for students leaving Primary School.

The template allows for personal reflection on the past and looking towards the future and is designed to ensure that every class creates their unique take on the structure provided.

**Staging Organisation Documentation For Leavers' Assembly** 

#### Leavers' Assembly 1



**Documentation For Leavers' Assembly 1** 

#### Leavers' Assembly 2



**Documentation For Leavers' Assembly 2** 

# Leavers' Assembly 3



Documentation For Leavers' Assembly 3

#### Leavers' Assembly 4



**Documentation For Leavers' Assembly 4** 

### The Gallery



The Gallery Documentation

The Gallery 2



**The Gallery 2 Documentation** 

### The Gallery 3



The Gallery 3 Documentation

In response to requests from teachers we have included a Leavers' Assembly structure for use with classes about to leave Primary for Secondary School.

We have found that very often two classes join together for this and that it is presented to parents/the school.

There are many pre-written scripts and plays on this theme but we have many times been asked to work with students in school to help them to produce a piece that is very special and unique to them.

The template within these lessons aims to support teachers and their students in doing this and at the same time making it quirky and entertaining for the audience members.

We have outlined the organisation for two possible scenarios – for 1 or for 2 classes.

If you are planning to do this with two classes then our template allows for classes to practise their sections of the presentation within their own separate classrooms, bringing it together during fuller rehearsals in the school hall/stage area.

It is important that the students have fun with the creative build-up of the presentation, trying out the different roles and experimenting with ideas before you finally cast them in their character parts.

You can make them aware of this from the beginning and explain that the development of their ideas is very important and they can then choose from these ideas which parts will eventually be selected for the final show. This process is a very good experience for the students.

NOTE- We have inserted Royalty Free Music to help with setting the scene but you can choose other tracks. War of The Worlds – The Eve of The War – is a good for the start-up movement section but there will be others which are suitable.

Literacy Ideas are given at the end of the Lesson Plans.

Also in this Module is a series of 3 lessons called The Gallery. Set in a local art gallery, the students will use tableaux to create the composition of people within the paintings, after viewing some onscreen painting examples to help with ideas.

They will then work in groups to write descriptions/back-stories to the paintings to then read out within the Exhibition Preview the day before the Grand Opening.

Group work is a key element running through the lesson series, taking groups decisions and sharing out the tasks.

The paintings are then stolen by a gang and taken to a hiding place enacted as a mime. The gallery workers are dismayed and so is Margaret their boss as the exhibition will have to be cancelled. In new groups this mildly comical scene contrasts the previous techniques and the students will individually write detailed Incident Reports based on their group scenes which will then be cross-referenced with the others in their groups.

Returning to these stolen paintings we prompt the students to enact a very strange event whereby the people in them step out of the frames and leave. When the gang finds a buyer for the paintings they are shocked to see that there are no people characters in them.

Back at The Gallery the workers arrive one morning to discover that the stolen paintings are back but the people in them are not the same as before – who are they? They are the gang members!

There is a gap in our story here which the students will now fill, again switching groups and coming up with their own ideas to finally enact what happened to the gang that resulted in the strange reversal of roles. The story lends itself to narrative writing which can then be shared to partners or to the class.

| Lesson Titles  | Topic Links                            | Key Skills                               | Literacy                              |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Leavers' Assembly 1  | Primary To Secondary School Transition | Listening & Watching                     | Designing a stage plan                |
| Aliens will intersperse the seated audience in a   |  | Movement &Mime                           | Drawing & Labelling Alien characters  |
| dramatic movement opening to the show.   |  | Configuration Mime                       |                                       |
| Onstage a configuration of   |  | Characterisation                         |                                       |
| a Primary school emerges<br>as the Aliens make their<br>way to the stage area to<br>investigate. |  | Piecing Scenes Together                  |                                       |
| Leavers' Assembly 2  | Primary School Memories                | Recalling & Recording                    |                                       |
|  |  | Memories                                 |                                       |
| In groups the students will recall Primary School memories and present                           |  | Group Work                               | Writing About Primary School Memories |
| these to other class<br>members for discussion.  |  | Tableau                                  |                                       |
| Scenes will be selected to   |  | Thought Tapping                          |                                       |
| focus on and the students will be prompted to  |  | Bringing Tableaux Life                   |                                       |
| describe what is<br>happening in their<br>tableaux through Thought                               |  | Improvisation                            |                                       |
| Tapping finally into Improvisation.  |  |  |                                       |
| Leavers' Assembly 3  | As Above                               | Mime & Movement                          | Writing About Alien Object            |
| Building on Alien /Student Scenes.   |  | Improvisation                            | Draw Plan For Student Seating Area    |
| Practising Scene   |  | Adding Lead- Ins                         |                                       |
| Transitions  |  | Running Scenes Together -<br>Transitions |                                       |
| Leavers' Assembly 4  | As Above                               | Stage Positioning                        | Stage plan for the School Visit       |
| The visit to the High/Secondary School.  |  | Large Group Organisation                 | Drawing & Labelling Alien Teachers    |
| The senior members of  |  | Improvisation                            | Writing Song Suggestions              |
| the teaching staff are not what the students are expecting!                                      |  | Choosing a Song                          |                                       |

| The Gallery   | Art Gallery | Tableau                                |   |
|---|-------------|--|---|
| An exhibition of paintings is about to open. The                                  | Paintings   | Holding Freeze Positions               | Writing & Reading Painting Descriptions       |
| students create these paintings in group  | Robbery     | Preview Evening Presentation           |   |
| tableaux adding titles and painting descriptions to be used in a Preview Evening. |             | Asking Questions                       |   |
|   |             |  |   |
| The Gallery 2   |             | Mime                                   |   |
| The paintings are stolen by a gang who have to deal with a high level of          |             | Enactment of Details & Set<br>Criteria | Writing A Detailed Incident Report            |
| security.   |             | Improvisation                          |   |
| The next day gallery workers find the paintings                                   |             | Timing                                 |   |
| gone!   |             | Humour                                 |   |
|   |             |  |   |
| The Gallery 3   |             | Mime & Movement                        | Recall of Drama Scenes into Narrative Stories |
| The painting people characters step out of the                                    |             | Slow Motion                            | Reading /Presentation of Stories              |
| frames and leave the paintings which puzzles                                      |             | Discussion                             |   |
| the gang.   |             | Timing                                 |   |
| The gallery workers find the paintings are returned                               |             | Improvisation                          |   |
| but not with the original people characters but another set of people             |             | Fill In the Story Gap                  |   |
| within them. There is a gap in this story to be filled!                           |             |  |   |

# **Spelling Games**

These are fun, classroom games that support teaching spelling. Spelling words can be chosen from your spelling lists or from the children themselves and you can easily ensure that these match the abilities of your students where appropriate and also challenge able spellers.

Arm Spelling is suitable for all ages while Spelling Popcorn and Bump Away are more suitable for P3 upwards.







**Spelling Games Documentation** 

# **Terry's Literacy**

The following three videos follow our character Terry Teacake in his classroom as he and classmates embark on their creative writing lessons. The lessons look at sentences and basic punctuation aspects such as capital letters, full stops and question marks. They are aimed at Middle school (age 7-9) but teachers can assess suitability for their classes.

**Terry's Story** 



Terry's Story Documentation

Handout

Two Sides To The Story



Two Sides To The Story Documentation

**Questions, Questions** 



Questions, Questions Documentation

# **TEACHER TRAINING VIDEO**

# **Little Red Training Video**

For teachers of P1-P3 this training video shows Louise with a young class using the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Teachers can try this out for themselves in their classroom space. The teaching level is Intermediate, assuming that class teachers have some experience of teaching Drama.



<u>Detailed Timeline For Little Red</u>

# The Story of Boo Training Videos

# Drama Literacy Based On The Book Wonder by R J Palacio

These training videos show Louise with a class of P7 students doing Drama Literacy based on their class novel.

This storyline is a parallel to the Wonder content and is set in a monkey colony. We found that the removal of the students from a human storyline helped them to understand and feel empathy for the main character through Drama.

Louise did not tell the students that the Drama was related to the novel.

The development of this Drama Literacy Topic was extremely powerful and after several weeks, the students realised that they were actually doing the "Wonder Story" within an animal context!

Teachers reading this novel can use the techniques shown with their classes and really bring understanding to the issues raised in the book.

Lessons 1-3



Lessons 1-3 Documentation

Lessons 4-5



**Lessons 4-5 Documentation** 

Lessons 6-7



**Lessons 6-7 Documentation** 

Lessons 8-9



Lessons 8-9 Documentation

# **Top Tips Video For Teaching Drama**



Below are two examples of comparison lessons to try out the impact of using Teacher In Role Technique up against a more traditional Directive approach.

We have set these inside well known stories and you can have fun with your students as well as running the test.

Click Here To Try Directive V's Teacher In Role Comparison Using Cinderella
Click Here To Try Directive V's Teacher In Role Comparison Using Snow White