Drama Literacy Module 1

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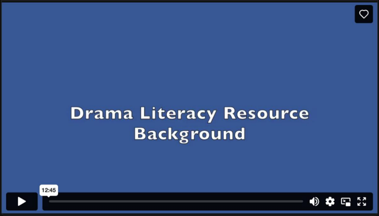
Module Introduction

Background to the resource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New Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

Learn more about various aspects of this resource with some new videos we have added by clicking on the button below.

Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

Useful Links

Drama Literacy Information FAQs Module 2 Module 3

Classroom Games

Played regularly, these fun and inclusive games can have a beneficial effect on student behaviour, greatly improve their ability to work together and show consideration towards others.

Back to School Games and Exercises

Great Classroom Games

Back to School Mystery Story

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Back To School Mystery
The drama studio

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The Video Lessons

Important info regarding the lessons

Module 1 lesson overview

Primary 1 / Reception / Approx. age 5

Module 1 Complete Overview

Grandpa Tom Feedback

Grandpa Tom – At the Farm

Grandpa Tom At
The Farm
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Grandpa Tom's Birthday Cake

Grandpa Tom's Birthday Cake
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Grandpa Tom Soup-er Hero

Grandpa Tom
Soup-er Hero
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Grandpa Tom On The Moon

Grandpa Tom
On The Moon
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Grandpa Tom's Puppy

Grandpa Tom's
Puppy
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The Washing Line

The Washing Line
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Grandpa Tom Goes Shopping

Grandpa Tom Goes Shoppi
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In The Park

In The Park
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Primary 2 / Year 1 / Approx. age 6

Primary 2 Overview Module 1

At The Beach

At The Park

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A Jester's Job

A Jester's Job
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Jester's Job 2
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The Wish

The Wish
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Primary 3 / Year 2 / Approx. age 7

Primary 3 Overview Module 1

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Removal Van

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Bertie Boggin's Bookshop

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Goldilocks

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Good Morning Your Majesty
game instructions

The Birthday Party

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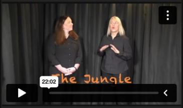
The Jungle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The Jungle 2

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Primary 4 / Year 3 / Approx. age 8

Primary 4 Overview Module 1

Lazy Farm Helper

Lazy Farm Helper 2

Potion Commotion

Potion Commotion 2

Lazy Farm Helper
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Snowball Game instructions

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Which One?

Which One?
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Which One? 2

Which One 2?
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Bank Robbery

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Bank Robbery 2

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Primary 5 / Year 4 / Approx. age 9

Primary 5 Overview Module 1

Grumpy Waiter

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What's The Story?

The Story?
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The Old Junkyard

The Old
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The Old Junkyard 2

The Old
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Headlines

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The Mystery at Morton Manor

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Primary 6 / Year 5 / Approx. age 10

Primary 6 Overview Module 1

Park Bench

Park Bench 2

Park Bench 3

Park Bench 4

Park Bench
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The Voyage

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Primary 7 / Year 6 / Approx. age 11

Primary 7 Overview Module 1

Starter Lines

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Bad Hair Day

Bad Hair Day
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Ethel's Tearoom

Ethel's Tearoom
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Ethel's Tearoom 2

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Ethel's Tearoom 3
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Campfire Story

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Campfire Story 2

Campfire Story
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Olympic Lessons

Fun and at times amusing lessons suitable for Middle and Upper Primary but younger children would be able to take part in most of the activities with teacher support.

The Olympics

The Olympics 2

The Olympics
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The Olympics 2
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The Box – Time for Mime

Click here to view our Time for Mime resource

Hallowe'en

Primary 4 teachers can choose from either video depending on the interest and ability of their students.

The Pumpkin Patch – suitable for lower/middle primary (P2-P4)

The Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch
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The Pumpkin Patch 2

The Pumpkin Patch 2
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Skeletons – suitable for middle/upper primary (P4-P7)

Skeletons

Skeletons 2

Skeletons
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Skeletons 2
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Hallowe'en Activities

Below are some ideas for Hallowe'en.

Spooknight – Wilma the Witch calls a Ghostly Gathering of all the spooks for Hallowe'en. What will be their **Spook Activity** this year? It's such fun to gate crash in the human world and give them a true taste of Hallowe'en.

Teaching Level – Easy Middle/Upper Primary

Is There A Ghost Behind Me? – Popular game suitable for Hallowe'en – Louise demonstrating with a class-Mixed Age Group

On The Ghost Train – Fun Lesson with Louise and class demonstrating – Lower Primary

Spooknight Lesson Plan

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Is There A Ghost Behind Me? Game

Is There A Ghost Behind Me?
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Download game instructions

On The Ghost Train and Other Hallowe'en Scenes

On The Ghost Train
with Louise Arbuckle from
The drama studio
03:47

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More Playmaking

Class lessons with directions to develop into small plays to present to an audience. Be that to another class or to parents, it's always a great experience for students to get this opportunity to perform.

Specific Presentation Skills Lessons can be found in Module 2 which are helpful for performing to an audience.

The Magical Snowmen

Most suitable for P2-P4 with further links to topics such as Climate Change /Pollution/ Global Warming. Would work well as a Winter/Christmas Play.

Lesson overview for the Magical Snowmen

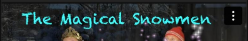
Documentation for Direction

Magical Snowmen Feedback

"My class have absolutely loved the Magical Snowmen drama. It tied in very well with our climate change project and I have seen some great writing from the children too based on the drama lessons. They have all been so motivated to write and it has been lovely to see. Their confidence has also grown greatly and they have been keen to perform their drama, give appropriate feedback and read their writing out to each other."

Rachel Finlayson with P5 at Pirniehall PS Edinburgh

The Magical Snowmen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The Magical Snowmen 5

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The Magical Snowmen A/V

The Magical Snowmen
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Christmas Videos & Activities

Below are our two new, fun Christmas videos, most suitable for Primary 3 + but could certainly be shown to younger children and with teacher support, learners could enact the scenes and play with the stories.

We suggest that if you are going to do both of these lessons that you start with Santa Is Fined as it contains a good mime Drama game that you could play again as a warm-up for Where Is Santa ? You could actually link the two lessons as detailed in the documentation.

Documentation is under each video and the dotted timeline allows you to skip back and forward to the video sections. A brief scenario is also included.

Hope you and your students have fun with these videos.

Happy Christmas from us.

Julie and Louise

Download our Christmas Activities document

Santa is Fined

Santa Is Fined
16:56

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Where is Santa?

Where Is Santa?
12:37

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Santa Is Fined Scenario

Santa is about to set off on Christmas Eve but there's a problem … Ali Scott age 9 from Stromness in the Isles of Orkney wants a scooter and those elves have forgotten to make one. Never mind it's still early so Santa reckons he could pop into a scooter shop en route and pick one up. The reindeer feel very unsure about this solution but hey Santa is in charge and after setting off they are told to look out for a town with shops.

Santa sees one (actually Inverness) and better still a nice parking spot for the sleigh right outside the scooter shop. He pops into the shop leaving the reindeer looking around very anxiously at curious shoppers staring at them – then a Traffic Warden arrives – oh dear or is it oh deer?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Where Is Santa? Scenario

If you've done the Santa Is Fined story then the rooftop in this story could belong to Ali Scott, age 9, Stromness, Isles of Orkney!

The reindeer are waiting on a rooftop beside a chimney for Santa to return from a present drop but he's taken a long time. They do some investigating – peering down the chimney, through the letterbox/cat flap but nothing can be seen and then they hear something – munching, glugging, a loud burp, voices – he's in the house already but there's a drama going on – what can it be?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Eve's Christmas – A Play for Lower Primary

5 video lessons which are easy to follow and come complete with full lesson documentation.

View the resource

Peter Pan

Most suitable for Upper Primary P5-P7 with direction for creating a class play. An able P4 class might also manage to take part.

Peter Pan Overview and Play Instructions

Peter Pan Feedback
All children were able to access the literacy activities at their own level. Using drama as a stimulus for writing in this way is like sprinkling some pixie dust into your classroom. You can almost sit back and watch the magic happen. The children are more engaged and motivated to complete their writing; and there isn't that 'writer's block' that many children have because they already came to their jotters full of ideas having just been to Neverland. The resource is excellent!

Natalie Brodie, West Lothian

Lessons 1-3

Peter Pan
48:30

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Lessons 4-6

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Lessons 7-9

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Audio Visual Video

Peter Pa
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Example Presentation

Below is an example of Peter Pan Presentation developed from the lessons. The video effects were added after the presentation as there wasn't the option of an overhead projector. Although the sound quality is affected by the typical pick-up in a large hall, teachers may find the video helpful in putting together their own presentation.

Example Presentation

Peter Pan Example Presentation
27:39

Burn's Night Celebration

Tam O'Shanter (suitable for Upper Primary P6-7)

Complete with original music tracks, outline script, excerpts from the poem and of course scope for insertion of the students own ideas and creativity – just as Rabbie would want!

Can be done with two classes and includes a Drama Studio filmed performance of the show to help visualise a presentation format.

VIew the Tam O'Shanter resource

The Tattieheids NEW!

A Scottish Play For Middle School, fully scripted but intended that you come off script to allow student creativity and enhanced presentation.

Full Script (pdf)

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Full Script (doc)

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Teacher's Notes and Improvisation

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Song Words

Tattieheids song recording

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Click to listen to the Tattieheids song recording

The Hairy Haggis Hunt

This lesson is suitable for teachers of Lower School classes to try out with their classes. It is a match for a Scottish Celebrations such as St Andrew's Day or a Robert Burns Topic. It uses Teacher In Role Technique (the most effective method) but you can narrate the storyline if you prefer.

Download the documentation | Download music track to use with lesson

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Burns Night

A few ideas for Robert Burns Celebrations suitable for Middle/Upper Primary.

To A Moose Short Play Script

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Lesson Plan & Teacher's Notes

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To A Moose Poem

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The Hairy Tae

Adapted from the Traditional American Tale /poem – very funny. Use the poem and improvisation side by side.

View the Hairy Tae resource

Drama Literacy Lesson Plans For You To Deliver

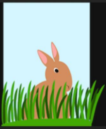
Fluffy in The Wild Wood

A baby bunny is missing and a search party must look for him in the dark and mysterious Wild Wood. There the little animals brush with their enemies and the race is on to find Fluffy before they do!

Tense adventure story with improvisation, characterisation, configuration mime, problem-solving and re-telling the story.

Students will learn about the responsibility of community and helping others.

Fluffy In The Wild Wood Lesson Plan



This lesson will best suit teachers who are fairly confident with teaching Drama and Teacher In Role is the suggested delivery method.

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Circles

A Drama Literacy Lesson suitable for Ages 8-12 years based on the theme of Circles.

Starting with a Tornado Movement Activity moving on to Using Circular/Spherical Objects within Tableau and Improvisation and then into the idea of The Circle of Life.

Literacy Activities Included.

Circles Lesson Plan

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Moonlanding

This lesson is about the Apollo 11 Moonlanding. The opening activities are movement and mime – based and draw on the student's knowledge of the topic. Students will "make that journey" and experience the tension of the difficult landing.

Key skills for this lesson are movement and mime, configuration,slow-motion, improvisation and presentation, voice-overs. The tension of the piece will encourage confident reactions from the students and the dramatisation will consolidate class work and Successful Learning.

Moonlanding Lesson Plan

Download lesson plan

Teacher Training Videos for Early Years to Middle School

Many teachers using the resource have been inspired to deliver lessons for themselves and this has always been one of our aims.

Teaching Drama in the moment is an incredibly powerful learning experience and we want to support teachers who are keen to have a go. The following lessons are easy to deliver but as with all Drama lessons we encourage you to take the lessons off on your own tangent following the students own ideas. Take the plunge and delight your students!

The teaching presentation is at a starter level and easy to follow.

At The Funfair

Download Funfair lesson plan

Magic Box Instructions

Pirates – NEW!

Download lesson plan

Additional links

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Creativity Portal

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