# Upper School – Welcome to 2025-2026

**After years of tapping into childrens' love of creative drama to motivate and inspire them to read and write, Drama Studio teacher/owners Julie and Louise have produced a resource for teachers to use directly within their classrooms at any time which suits.**

Please note that this is a private page strictly for people who have subscribed to the `UPPER SCHOOL – WELCOME TO 2025-2026` resource and as such the link should not be shared outwith your school - thank you for your support.

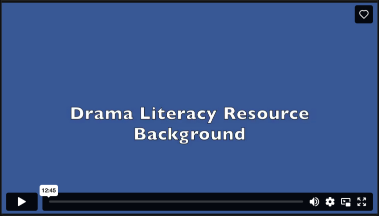
## Informative Links

You will find details of the three Modules, how schools are using the resource, overviews of prices, and lots of other information here:

Teacher and Student Evaluations FAQs

## Module Introduction

### Background to the resource



### Using the resource

Using The Resource
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## 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

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### Great Classroom Games

### Games 2

Games 2
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## Back to School Mystery Story

Back To School after a break can be a bittersweet experience for teachers and learners alike. The holidays have been busy times, full of excitement, often not really a rest for many and now, well it's over and the re-focus can be tricky for us all.

We often feel at with this particular time that our aim is to focus learners on moving forward, creating new places for their imaginations to visit and do it **together** with their classmates and their teacher.

It is a perfect time for some interactive Drama, pulling everyone together in a simple, engaging, fun and yet focused, inclusive and achievable by all.

In all our years of teaching there is nothing that stimulates the imaginations of our students like a mystery, something to solve and yet something to be creative with!

If you can relate to this then please take a look at our free Back To School Drama Literacy Mystery Lesson Plan – structured on two levels for both Lower and Upper Primary.

Download the Mystery Plan Story Lesson

**Back to School Mystery Story**

Back To School Mystery
The drama studio

Download lesson plan

## The Teaching Video Lessons – Key to Success

Consistently exposing your students to the format, reinforcing their interactive skills and making sure the Literacy elements are always **EMBEDS** and not simply add-ons is key, even when a writing task is at the end of the Drama Lesson.

By allowing them to **re-engage with the interactive learning elements**, reading aloud written work with a partner/to the class, you are effectively extending the Literacy back into presentation which is a DRAMA SKILL and another performance opportunity.

The students then see Literacy tasks not simply as an Add-On but an intergral part of the lessons and it is this aspect that propels the Literacy motivation and success.

**IN SUMMARY THE FORMAT IS DRAMA > EMBED LITERACY>SHARE/PRESENT DRAMA**

**It is strongly advised that you watch the videos yourself and read over the documentation before presenting them to your class so that you are fully prepared for the lesson organisation.**

**Be sure to build in time for the Literacy aspects of the lessons.**

**Please email us for any help or if you have questions. Good luck.**

**** If you have any suggestions for content/topics for future videos please let us know detailing the stage that you teach. ****

## 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

## Module 1 Video Lessons

Click Here For Module 1 Overview

**Grumpy Waiter**

Grumpy Waiter
24:06

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**Grumpy Waiter 2**

Grumpy Waiter 2
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**Headlines**

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**The Mystery at Morton Manor**

The Mystery At Morton Manor
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**The Voyage**

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**The Voyage 2**

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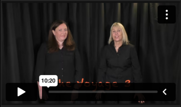
**The Voyage 3**



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**The Voyage 4**

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## Module 2 Video Lessons

Primary 6-7 Overview Module 2

**Message in a Bottle 1**

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**Message in a Bottle 2**

Message In A Bottle 2
21:18

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**Perseus 1**

The Oracle And The Ques
26:58

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**Perseus 2**

The Graeae And The Stygian Nymphs
24:31

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**Perseus 3**

The Lair Of Medusa
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**Perseus 4**

Journey Home And The Olympic Games
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**Green Mould**

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**Presentation Skills 4**

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## Module 3 Video Lessons

## Primary 5 / Year 4 / Approx. age 9

Primary 5 Overview Module 3

**The Northern Express**

The Northern Express
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**The £10 Note**

The £10 Note
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**The Rainforest**

The Rainforest
29:05

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**The Rainforest 2**

The Rainforest 2
21:22

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## 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**

With Julie
and Louise
49:50

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Feedback and teacher's notes

Primary 6 Overview Module 3

**Children at Work**

Children At Work
21:54

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Download starter lines

**Children at Work 2**

Children At Work 2
23:42

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**Pot Luck Dinner Party**

Pot Luck Dinner Party
21:16

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Character briefs

**Pot Luck Dinner Party 2**

Pot Luck Dinner Party
23:31

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## Leaver's Assembly

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.

Download the staging documentation for Leaver's Assembly

**Please note that access to the videos will remain until late Summer 2025 but you can download the documentation to keep.**

**Leavers' Assembly 1**

Leavers' Assembly 1
18:59

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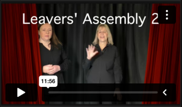
**Leavers' Assembly 2**



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**Leavers' Assembly 3**

Leavers' Assembly 3
13:27

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**Leavers' Assembly 4**

Leavers' Assembly 4
06:25

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# The Spirits of Stokelake House

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**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

**The Spirits of Stokelake House**

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## 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.**

Download the Spelling Games documentation

**Arm Spelling**

Arm Spelling
05:29

**Spelling Popcorn**

Spelling Popcorn
05:41

**Bump Away**

Bump Away
07:13

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# The Seaweed Men Poem (NEW!)

Inspired the poet's childhood memories of Doo Dells beach, Kinghorn, Fife. Most suitable for P4-6 or an able P3 familiar with Drama Literacy.

Copies of The Seaweed Men Book are available via https://shop.ppwh.org.uk/products/the-seaweed-men-by-susan-brolly

**The Seaweed Men – Lesson 1**

The Seaweed Men
By Susan Brolly
Inspir... childhood days at Doo Dells Beach
19:40

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**The Seaweed Men – Lesson 2**

The Seaweed Men 2
13:35

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**Example Class Lesson Activities**

The Seaweed Men
by Susan Brolly
02:40

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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
13:28

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**The Olympics 2**

The Olympics 2
10:24

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## Hallowe'en – Suitable for Middle/Upper Primary

**Skeletons**

Skeletons
18:31

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**Skeletons 2**

Skeletons 2
15:04

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## 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

**Lessons 1-3**

Peter Pan
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**Lessons 4-6**

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**Lessons 7-9**

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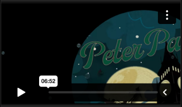
**Audio Visual Video**



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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?

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## 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

## Viking Training Video – Series of Three Lessons – NEW

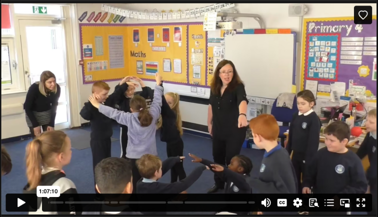
**For teachers of P4-7 (age 8-11), this training video combines Julie's Introduction with footage of Louise teaching a class. Techniques and key elements of the lesson are as follows :**

**Whoosh Technique, A Viking Thing, Trading Mission, Long Boat Journey, Bartering, Thieves Steal The Goods, The Plan, Embedding Literacy.**

**The teaching level is Intermediate, assuming that class teachers have some experience of teaching Drama.**

**For best viewing play the video in FULL SCREEN mode**

### Viking Interactive



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Detailed timeline

## Drama literacy plans for teachers to use themselves

Drama Lesson Plans – we are starting to include Drama lessons for teachers to try out for themselves to advance the Training Aspect of the Drama Literacy Resource. These lessons feature the techniques used in our Drama videos but teachers will be doing it for themselves here using detailed plans with techniques explained with suggested music and Literacy activities throughout. This parallels the resource progression for class teachers and we feel will be valuable CPD.

The lessons will be added throughout this coming term and if teachers have any requests then they can let us know and we will include these if we can. We are keen to take a responsive approach to the content wherever possible, so getting teachers input is very much appreciated.

**CLICK ON THE IMAGES TO SEE THE LESSON PLANS**

### Dinosaurs – Age 7-10 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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### James and the Giant Peach- Age 7-11 (EXA, LIT)

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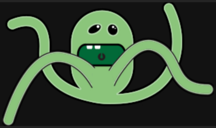
### The Sea Creature – Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT, SOC)



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### Haunted House – Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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### 1960s Moon Landing – Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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### A Roman Town- Age 8-12 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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### Rainforests – Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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### The Tin Forest – Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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### Circles – Age 8-12 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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## Additional links

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Creativity Portal

Drama Studio Twitter

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