

# Knowledge Organiser Dance Year 6

### **About this Unit**

This unit is inspired by lots of different themes. Here are some that you may explore...



# STAMP, CLAP

Choreographers (people who make up dances) sometimes don't perform to music.

Dance groups all over the world use everyday items such as brooms, bin lids and basketballs, as well as their own bodies as their stimulus to choreograph dance.

In this theme, you will be choreographing a dance and creating the music yourselves using your bodies.



Developed during the mid-twentieth century and has since grown to become one of the most popular genres for formally trained dancers throughout the world.

Contemporary dance is all about self-expression, storytelling, and interpretation. Contemporary dancers have freedom of movement, allowing their bodies to freely

express feelings, characters and events.



# Bhangra Dance

Bhangra is the traditional dance of Punjab in India. It originated with farmers as a folk dance celebrating the time of the harvest.

Bhangra is traditionally danced to the dhol drum and has a very energetic and lively tone. It is often danced in circles and uses a lot of arm and shoulder movement.



## 1970s Disco

 Disco first appeared in the early 1970s in the clubs of New York.

- Flared trousers, wildly-patterned shirts and colourful scarves were popular items of clothes to wear to the disco.
- Disco dance actions involve twists, turns, kicks and lots of struts to the disco beats.

# Key Vocabulary

action: the movement a performer uses e.g. travel, jump, kick

aesthetic: how a performance or skill looks

choreography: the sequence of actions or movements

dynamics: how an action is performed e.g. quickly, slowly, gently

express: make suggestions

**formation:** where performers are in the space in relation to others **freeze frame:** when performers create an image without movement

**inspiration:** to take ideas from

mood: a state of feeling

motif: a movement phrase that relates to the stimulus that is repeated and developed

throughout the dance

phrase: a short sequence of linked movements

pose: a position, usually still
refine: to improve the quality

rehearse: to practise

stimulus: something that creates ideas

structure: the way in which a dance is ordered or organised

style: the type of dance

**transition**: moving from one action or position to another



Actions can be improved with consideration to extension, shape and recognition of intent. Remember what you are trying to tell the audience when choosing your actions.

#### Dynamics:

Selecting a variety of dynamics in your performance can help to take the audience on a journey through your dance idea.

# Space and relationships:

Combining space and relationships with a prop can help you to express your dance idea.

Movement Skills

Ladder

Knowledge

- actions
- dynamics
- space
- relationships

Social

share ideas, collaboration, support, communication, inclusion, respect, leadership

This unit will also help you to develop other important skills.

confidence, self-regulation, perseverance, determination, integrity, empathy

creativity, observation, provide feedback, comprehension, use feedback to improve, select and apply skill

**Strategies** 

A leader can ensure your dance group performs together. Keep in character throughout your performance, it will help you to express an atmosphere or mood that can be interpreted by the audience.

## Healthy Participation

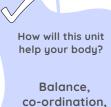
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If you enjoy this unit why not see if there is a dance club in your local area.



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Ensure you always work in your own safe space when working independently.



flexibility.

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# **Word Dance**

What you need: a book or magazine



- Open a random page and find 10 action and describing words.
- Create an action or movement for each word.
- Sequence the movements together to create a dance.
- Share your dance with somebody, add music if you would like.

Use a variety of space and levels to make your dance look interesting.



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