

Progression of Skills

Dance

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Copy basic body actions and rhythms. Choose and use travelling actions, shapes and balances. Travel in different pathways using the space around them. Begin to use dynamics and expression with guidance. Begin to count to music.	Copy, remember and repeat a series of actions. Select from a wider range of actions in relation to a stimulus. Use pathways, levels, shapes, directions, speeds and timing with guidance. Use mirroring and unison when completing actions with a partner. Show a character through actions, dynamics and expression. Use counts with help to stay in time with the music.	Copy remember and perform a dance phrase. Create short dance phrases that communicate an idea. Use canon, unison and formation to represent an idea. Match dynamic and expressive qualities to a range of ideas. Use counts to keep in time with a partner and group.	Copy, remember and adapt set choreography. Choreograph considering structure individually, with a partner and in a group. Use action and reaction to represent an idea. Change dynamics to express changes in character or narrative. Use counts when choreographing short phrases.	Accurately copy and repeat set choreography in different styles of dance showing a good sense of timing. Choreograph phrases individually and with others considering actions, dynamics, space and relationships in response to a stimulus. Confidently perform choosing appropriate dynamics to represent an idea. Use counts accurately when choreographing to perform in time with others and the music.	Perform dances confidently and fluently with accuracy and good timing. Work creatively and imaginatively individually, with a partner and in a group to choreograph longer phrases and structure dance considering actions, space, relationship and dynamics in relation to a theme. Improvise and combine dynamics demonstrating an awareness of the impact on performance. Use counts when choreographing and performing to improve the quality of work.