## Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Progression in Dance



Area	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6
Health and fitness	Describe how the body feels when still and when exercising.	Describe how the body feels before, during and after exercise.  Carry and place equipment safely.	Recognise and describe how the body feels during and after different physical activities.  Explain what they need to stay healthy.	Recognise and describe the effects of exercise on the body.  Know the importance of strength and flexibility for physical activity.  Explain why it is important to warm up and cool down.  Describe how the body reacts at different times and how this affects performance.  Explain why exercise is good for your health.  Know some reasons for warming up and cooling down.	Know and understand the reasons for warming up and cooling down.  Explain some safety principles when preparing for and during exercise.	Understand the importance of warming up and cooling down.  Carry out warm-ups and cool-downs safely and effectively.  Understand why exercise is good for health, fitness and wellbeing.  Know ways they can become healthier.
Dance skills	Join a range of different movements together. Change the speed of their actions. Change the style of their movements. Create a short movement phrase	Copy and repeat actions.  Put a sequence of actions together to create a motif.  Vary the speed of their actions.  Use simple choreographic	Copy, remember and repeat actions. Create a short motif inspired by a stimulus. Change the speed and level of their actions. Use simple choreographic	Begin to improvise with a partner to create a simple dance. Create motifs from different stimuli. Begin to compare and adapt movements and motifs to create a larger sequence.	Identify and repeat the movement patterns and actions of a chosen dance style.  Compose individual, partner and group dances that reflect the chosen dance style.	Identify and repeat the movement patterns and actions of a chosen dance style.  Compose individual, partner and group dances that reflect the chosen dance style.

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their own ideas.	unison, canon and mirroring.	unison, canon and mirroring.	vocabulary to compare and improve work.	and timing in their movements.	in dance movements and motifs.
	Begin to improvise independently to create a simple	Use different transitions within a dance motif.	Perform with some awareness of rhythm and expression.	Develop an awareness of their use of space.	Perform with confidence, using a range of movement patterns.
	dance.	Move in time to music.		Demonstrate imagination and creativity in the movements they devise in	Demonstrate strong and
		Improve the timing of their actions.	Identify and repeat the movement patterns and actions of a chosen dance style.	response to stimuli.	controlled movements
				Use transitions to link motifs smoothly together.	throughout a dance sequence.
			Compose a dance that reflects the chosen dance style.	Improvise with confidence, still demonstrating fluency across the sequence.	Combine flexibility, techniques and movements to create a fluent sequence.
			Confidently improvise with a partner or on	Ensure their actions fit the rhythm of the music.	Move appropriately and with the required style in
			their own.  Compose longer dance sequences in a small	Modify parts of a sequence as a result of self and peer evaluation.	relation to the stimulus, e.g. using various levels, ways of travelling and
			group.	Use more complex dance vocabulary to compare	motifs. Show a change of pace
			Demonstrate precision and some control in	and improve work.	and timing in their movements.
			response to stimuli.  Begin to vary dynamics		Move rhythmically and accurately in dance
			and develop actions and motifs in response		sequences.  Improvise with
			to stimuli.		confidence, still demonstrating fluency
			Demonstrate rhythm and spatial awareness.		across their sequence.
			Change parts of a dance as a result of self-evaluation.		Dance with fluency and control, linking all movements and ensuring that transitions flow.
			Use simple dance vocabulary when		Demonstrate consistent precision when

Perform	Control my body when performing a sequence of movements.	Perform using a range of actions and body parts with some coordination.  Begin to perform learnt skills with some control.	Perform sequences of their own composition with coordination.  Perform learnt skills with increasing control.  Compete against self and others.	Develop the quality of the actions in their performances.  Perform learnt skills and techniques with control and confidence.  Compete against self and others in a controlled manner.	Perform own longer, more complex sequences in time to music.  Consistently perform and apply skills and techniques with accuracy and control.	performing dance sequences.  Modify some elements of a sequence as a result of self and peer evaluation.  Use complex dance vocabulary to compare and improve work.  Link actions to create a complex sequence using a full range of movement.  Perform the sequence in time to music.  Perform and apply a variety of skills and techniques confidently, consistently and with
Evaluate	Talk about what they have done.  Talk about what others have done.	Watch and describe performances. Begin to say how they could improve.	Watch and describe performances, and use what they see to improve their own performance.  Talk about the differences between their work and that of others.	Perform and create sequences with fluency and expression.  Perform and apply skills and techniques with control and accuracy.  Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of a performance.  Describe how their performance has improved over time.  Watch, describe and evaluate the effectiveness of performances, giving	Choose and use criteria to evaluate own and others' performances.  Explain why they have used particular skills or techniques, and the effect they have had on their performance.	Thoroughly evaluate their own and others' work, suggesting thoughtful and appropriate improvements.

		ideas for improvements.	
		Modify their use of skills or techniques to achieve a better result.	