CREATIVE IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING DANCE

EYFS: JEMIMA PUDDLE DUCK - TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER

Watch the video of Jemima Puddle Duck performed by the Royal Ballet on YouTube. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2_K-cPKDH4). What actions does she do?

Slow walks, raise wings up and down, run and stop, wiggle and sit on nest, look for egg and shake your head. Repeat going to different parts of the space. On the last visit to the nest, your egg has been laid! Show how happy you are by running, jumping and flapping your wings.

Play follow-the-leader to celebrate. Bow or curtesy to each other and then take turns at leading the actions for the class. Teacher could be the first leader to model the expectations.

KS1: MOODS

Explore the mood words by creating a shape and an action for each. Try to guess the mood word modelled by both the teacher and the children.

With a partner start back-to-back but slightly apart: slowly turn head to look at each other then turn your body to face your partner. Walk towards and past each other. Repeat the turn of head and body.

Now choose two emotions each and make a shape and an action for each. They can be the same as your partner or different. Now perform them as a question and answer. Label the pairs A & B. A moves first followed by B, creating a conversation.

Then separate from your partner, move to any area in the space and make one of your emotion shapes.
CREATIVE LINKS TO THE EYFS HOLISTIC CURRICULUM

LITERACY

Tell the traditional story of Chicken-Licken and his friends who thought that the sky was falling.

MATHEMATICS

Find images of all the birds in the story and count up the total number of beaks, legs or wings.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Make simple puppets of all the characters in the tale: Chicken-Licken, Henny-Penny, Cocky-Locky, Ducky-Lucky, Drakey-Lakey, Goosey-Loosey, Gander-Lander, Turkey-Lurkey and Foxy Loxy and retell the story. There are some wonderful ideas for paper plate puppet puppets on the Internet.

CREATIVE LINKS TO THE KS1 CURRICULUM

LITERACY

Share the pantomime story of Mother Goose, whose quest for youth and beauty causes her friends to abandon her, and, calamitously, she almost loses Priscilla, her beloved goose who lays the golden eggs.

PSHE

Talk about Mother Goose’s desperate wish for youth and beauty and why this doesn’t make her happy?

ART & DESIGN

Make a collage of Mother Goose using interesting textures of fabrics, such as net and lace, with tissue and other papers, to achieve interesting feathery effects.