

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School – Knowledge Organiser



Autumn Term 1

ART: At the Pantomime

Year Group 4

## Introduction to Subject

- A pantomime is a British theatre tradition.
- They are usually based on traditional stories such as Cinderella or Jack and the Beanstalk.
- Pantomimes are usually staged during the Christmas season.
- They are funny, silly and often include jokes, gags, dancing and singing.
- The audience is encouraged to engage in the performance by cheering, booing, clapping along or shouting phrases such as, 'He's behind you!'
- Pantomimes typically include some sort of love story and often ends with a wedding.

## Key skills

- I can explore different design features of a pantomime.
- I can design a set for a particular pantomime scene.
- I can use my design to create a model set.
- I can design costumes and costume accessories for pantomime characters.
- I can design a poster to advertise my pantomime.

## Key Vocabulary

- Dame – A male actor who dresses as a woman, usually in wacky costumes and crazy wigs.
- Hero – Pantomimes usually have a hero or heroine that saves the day. Sometimes the male heroes are played by women.
- Villain – Pantomime story lines usually have a villain that the audience will boo and hiss at each time they enter the stage.
- Audience participation – Actors encourage the audience to join in with the performance.
- Costume – The clothes worn by the actors.
- Props – Items held or used by the actors on stage to make the performance more realistic.
- Set – The scenery that is put up on the stage to set the scene for where the action is taking place.

## Costumes

- Costumes are one of the most important design aspects within a pantomime.
- A character will often have several costume changes throughout the duration of the performance.
- Pantomime dames would normally have the most costume changes, wearing something new for each scene that they are in. They will have the craziest costumes out of all the characters in the show.

## Panto Character Pictures

