



THE ARTS NEWSLETTER

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The ARTS at Runcorn Heights State School

RUNCHIE ARTS will be taught for one hour each week with a specialist Junior ARTS teacher for Prep-2 and Senior ARTS teacher Years 3-6, to engage, inspire and enrich, every student. Designed to excite student's imagination and encourage them to reach their creative and expressive potential, RUNCHIE ARTS is created to challenge, provoke responses and develop the knowledge of self, communities, world cultures and histories.

Curriculum focus - This term we will be focusing on the subject area of DANCE.

| | Content | Assessment |
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| Year 3 | Line Dance Legends Students in Year 3 will start 2024 in the Arts by learning the style of Line Dancing. Studying the history of Line Dancing and genre specific moves, students will learn to apply the elements of dance and choreographic devices to their practical skills. | Year 3 students will learn a Line Dance as a class and will choreograph part of it themselves in small groups. Students will reflect on their dances and those of others, applying the elements of dance and choreographic devices in their analysis. |
| Year 4 | Shake, Rattle and Roll Term 1 will start off with a bang for Year 4, as they learn about all things 'Swing'. Including styles such as Rock'n'roll and Jive, students will learn fast footwork and new dance moves. Students will work to expand their dance vocabulary as they build on knowledge from last year. | Students in Year 4 will learn a Rock'n'roll dance as a class, adding their own choreography to a small part of the routine. They will need to apply knowledge of the elements of dance and choreographic devices to choreograph, discuss and reflect upon dance. |
| Year 5 | Broadway Stars Taking centre stage are the Year 5 students as they study the style of Broadway dance which includes a number of styles including jazz, tap and modern dance. Students will analyse their dances using a wide dance vocabulary and discuss the application of the elements of dance in pieces. | Year 5 students will learn a Broadway dance as a class and choreograph part of the routine themselves in small groups. Students will deeply analyse how the elements of dance were applied to their choreography and that of others. |
| Year 6 | Hip-Hop Heroes Students in Year 6 will be taking a trip from the 90s to now as they learn a wide variety of Hip-Hop moves. They will study the history of the style of dancing, being able to discuss different moves and their origin with their peers. In addition, students will continue to consider how the use of the elements of dance in their own choreography impacts the story they tell through dance. | Year 6 students will learn a Hip-Hop dance as a class after studying the history of the style of dance. They will choreograph their own part of the dance in small groups to compliment the whole grade dance. Students will discuss their dances using the elements of dance, choreographic devices and knowledge of the history of their style of dance. |