

August 2018
Stage 1&2 Creative Drama

Dear Parents & Children,

Welcome to a new term and an exciting year ahead!

Welcome to those students that are new to this class, welcome back to those returning to a new term and the beginning of our academic year. We hope you all had a great summer and have returned with bundles of enthusiasm, energy and creative ideas to get this term off to a great start!

Term 1

This term Stage 1 and 2 will be exploring the *Little Stories* group of books by Ladybird as the stimulus for our creative drama classes. In each class we will tell the stories and then bring them to life going on to explore the many themes and ideas that arise from the stories using creative drama.

By taking the stories as the stimulus we bring them alive through structured play, we 'play out' the scenarios as we dramatise them. We then go on to explore the themes through improvised drama, movement, voice work, confidence building and teamwork. By creating a safe, pressure free environment, we encourage the children to take an active role in the class, contributing their thoughts and ideas, listening to and accepting the ideas of others. Through confidence building exercises the children grow braver and are able to take more risks, moving from the safety of the group to an opportunity to take on individual roles and finally to saying lines on their own. A loud voice is encouraged and the need to be expressive both vocally and physically.

Experiential learning takes play as the students step in to the shoes of the characters and play out the different situations, in these carefully planned classes. We also use drama games, exercises and role – play to achieve our lesson, dramatic, social and emotional aims. As the students take on the various roles from the stories the students explore the characters vocally and physically. The children work very much as an ensemble with opportunities to take the focus of the group in a supportive, and encouraging environment.

Term 2 – In Term 2 you will receive a report outlining your Child's progress.

Term 3 – In Term 3 of our year our students will return to this story and others explored though the year for their class presentation, where they will work to prepare & present scenes from the story.

Parents please read the attached document titled 'What is Creative Drama?' to fully understand our aims and objectives for these classes and the value of Creative Drama at Centre Stage and what this offers your child.

It's sometimes a bit busy between classes, but if you have any questions about this, your class or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher either by email or phone. info@centre-stage.com
Or give them a call at Woking Rd 67327211 and for our East Coast Centre 64496211 east@centre-stage.com.

Please also like our two facebook groups and ask to join our closed group to see photos and videos regularly posted of what we do in class.

Very best wishes,

The Centre Stage Team

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