# YEAR 8 STORYTELLING THEATRE WITH FAIRYTALES

# All performers are storytellers...

## What is storytelling?

**Storytelling** is the social and cultural activity of sharing stories, often with improvisation, theatrics, or embellishment. Stories or narratives have been shared in every culture as a means of entertainment and education.

## **Storytelling Features:**

- > Narrator / Narration
- > Direct Address
- > Stock/Clearly Defined Characters
- > Clear Characterisation
- > Dialogue and Spoken Commentary
- > Use of Music and Song to create meaning
- > A Moral or Teaching within the Story

## **Some Famous Dramatic Storytellers:**

- > Brothers Grimm Fairytales
- > Charles Dickens Classic Stories
- > Aesop Fables and Morals

## By the end of this unit you will:

Have a clear understanding of the importance of focus, concentration and self-discipline.

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Have a basic understanding of simple drama terminology

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Have the ability to produce freeze frames using appropriate facial expression and posture.

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Have the ability to maintain a role in character and to interact with others in role.

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Be able to act out a simple performance using a script.

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Be able to cooperate in small groups creating a stage adaptation of a fairytale using Storytelling Features.

# **Key Terms:**

## Freeze frame / Still image

A frozen image on stage that shows an important moment in the story.

#### In role

When you are acting as a character either on stage, during rehearsal or during an activity.

### **Facial expressions**

Using your face to show emotion and expression.

## Script

The written text of a play, film or broadcast.

## Stage adaptation

A story, film or idea changed so that it can be performed on the stage.

## **Role Play**

The acting out or performance of a particular role.

## **Devising**

Creating a piece of theatre without the use of a script, created by your own imagination.

## **Creative Adaptation**

Retelling or recreating an existing story with a different perspective or interpretation.