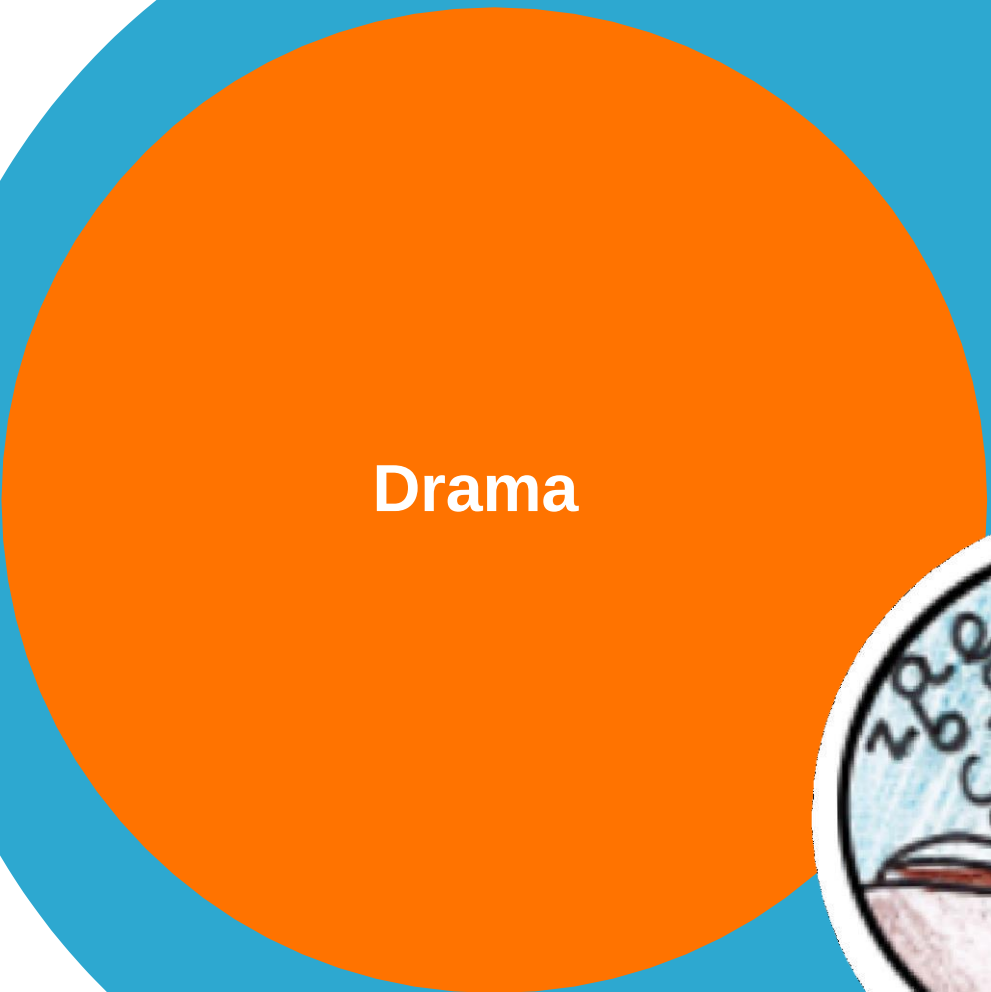




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Drama is used across the curriculum at Kentmere, and is a valuable tool for use in many subject areas. Our English lessons have a heavy focus on children's spoken language, and help to develop reading, writing, spelling and vocabulary. To prepare for their writing, children are immersed in a text and are provided with opportunities to use drama techniques to draw out language and key themes and ideas. This enables them to extend their vocabulary as well as understanding and expressing different points of views.

Drama gives children opportunities to explore, discuss and deal with difficult issues and to express their emotions in a supportive environment. It enables them to explore their own cultural values and those of others, past and present. It encourages them to think and act creatively, thus developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills that can be applied in all areas of learning.

Drama is particularly useful when working on cross-curricular themes as it naturally bridges subject areas. Characters from any historical period can be examined through various drama techniques which can help to bring historical accounts, illustrations and artwork to life.

For many children, Maths makes a lot more sense when it is applied to real (or fictional) situations. For younger children, this can be through role-play. Mathematical patterns can be demonstrated and explored through physical movement and dance. Science learning can also be extended through activities using dance, mime, movement to explore physical forces such as gravity, friction or magnetism, or to represent the action of molecules, planets, geological phenomena or electrical circuits.