

Green-screen filming Workshop

KS2 Art

Learning Objectives Resources

National Curriculum: Primary. This animation workshop demonstrates techniques that can be used to deliver learning in various subject areas. The workshop has opportunities to encourage reluctant writers by using the experience of animation as a stimulus for script writing.

Learning Objectives

Pupils should learn:

1. to understand the various roles and responsibilities involved in filmmaking (director, script writer or storyboard creator, camera person, actors, costume and props, animator, editor, artists, sound).
2. be able to explain the process of making animated films and the various stages involved.
3. the importance of clear communication with one another during the filmmaking process

Suggested Classroom Activity

The nine films show the key stages of a green-screen filming workshop with a Year 6 class over one day. Using equipment available in school, the class created a selection of short films.

They watched a Green-screen film which showed them how the green background becomes transparent and allows you to add any backdrop.

The class were split into six groups and picked a random theme for their film. They developed ideas, scripts and storyboards. Some created drawn backgrounds, others sourced props and costumes or searched for audio and sound effects.

They made their own green-screen backdrop using a piece of green fabric or green sugar paper.

They learnt their scripts and rehearsed their performances.

As part of the development process the groups had identified roles in the filming process based on their existing interests and skills and recommend everyone has a designated job.

The equipment used in this workshop includes Flip cameras and tripods. The pupils use iMovie on Apple Mac for editing. If you don't have iMovie you can use any other available editing package such as Windows Movie Maker on P.C.

Development Activity

This workshop would work equally well with other KS 2 classes.

The workshop could work with other curriculum topics and a day long activity, over a number of sessions or as an after school club activity.

In the Teacher's View clip the teacher recommends that the workshop would help improve literacy skills, language, teamwork and problem solving and could be used to explore science topics.

Resources, Notes and Links

Films: nine videos.

Storyboard template

Danosongs

Jamendo.com