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Snow White's Magic Mirror

First Level Expressive Arts EXA 1-02a EXA 1-03a EXA 1-06a



create your own magic mirror

for teachers

This Create & Play resource is suitable for first level pupils. This activity is most suited to expressive arts outcomes, encouraging pupils to be creative with design choices, develop fine motor skills and scissor control as well as teaching them about pantomime.

resources you need

- paper, preferably thick
- cardboard
- tin foil
- pens
- scissors
- glue

dazzling designs



The pantomime that runs around Christmas time every year is the bread and butter of The King's Theatre, and it has been since opening in 1906. In fact, the first ever show at The King's was Cinderella.

The panto is always based on fairy tales, stories that everyone knows, but always with a little twist. As well as Cinderella, we've had Jack and the Beanstalk, Beauty and the Beast, Sleeping Beauty and Aladdin. It seems strange, then, that the first pantomime based on Snow White and the Seven Dwarves didn't happen at The King's until 2002.

Pantomimes are designed to be over-the-top, eye-catching and unrealistic. The prop designers job is to make things look good on stage from far away, for every audience member. This means bright, shiny colours and things being supersized.

It's your chance to have a go at being a pantomime prop designer by making your very own 'Magic Mirror'.

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Fold one piece of paper in half and draw on half the outline of your magic mirror frame. You can use the same shape as us or make up a new one. Remember to include the hole for the mirror and make the frame thick enough to cut out.

You can then cut this out.

Unfold this first piece and place it on top of your cardboard.

You can then draw round this and cut it out, making sure not to cut out the middle. This is the back of your magic mirror.

You can also cut out a piece of tin foil the size of the circular part of the back of your mirror.

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Now, glue down the tin foil to the cardboard. Make sure the shiny side is facing up.

Then, glue the mirror frame over the back and foil. You now have the basis of 'Snow White's Magic Mirror'.

Now you can decorate the mirror in the style of the pantomime. Make sure it's as eye-catching and as bright as possible so that your mirror would work as a stage prop.

Share your mirror with the class if there is time.

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