

# **Young People's Puppet Theatre**

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### Teamwork / Collaboration

Learning to do individual parts, all of which matter

Learning to work collaboratively Learning to work collaboratively with others they would normally avoid or not get on with

Learning to take direction from a peer (stage manager etc)

Learning to teach others

Showing awareness of others' parts in the production

Stepping into unfamiliar roles when others are absent

#### Confidence

Learning skills which their parents don't have

Achieving beyond expectations Satisfaction in achieving something difficult

Gaining confidence by excelling in skills outside the core curriculum, which frequently then improves core curriculum skills

Enjoying very positive feedback

### **Collective Respect**

Non-academic abilities become respected in the classroom

## Levelling

The roles of all children are equal Pegs back prima donnas Elevates less able children to equals Promotes *Ensemble* behaviour

## **Concentration / Focus / Patience**

Learning a difficult role involving new skills Learning to work on a project which has a long timeframe (several months)

Learning to be quiet backstage even when not doing anything

Learning to be well behaved backstage even when not doing anything

# Discipline

Learning the importance of carrying out a role in the wider context of everyone carrying out their role, not interfering with others carrying out their roles

#### Resilience

Dealing with things instantaneously when they go wrong
Learning to carry on and not dwell on anything which has gone wrong
Learning to persevere when dealing with new and difficult tasks

#### **Problem Solving**

Learning to apply learned skills to new challenges

#### **Timing**

Leaning to synchronise movement of puppets and voices
Learning to do something at exactly the right moment

#### Communication

Learning to give verbal instructions Learning to follow verbal instructions Learning to follow written instructions Learning to communicate non-verbally backstage under duress when verbal communication is precluded

#### Organisational skills

Learning to prepare Learning to be tidy

## **Creative skills**

Learning to design something and then making the design
Sculpting

Painting

# Textiles Mathematical skills

Application of scale to a real situation Application of proportion to a real situation

Perspective

#### **Performance skills**

Learning to be a stage manager Flow of performances

Running a lighting desk

Voice acting

Setting scenes

Puppetry skills (technical skills and personality projection)
DMX programming

# Dexterity skills

Assembling complex items Manipulating puppets Tying knots