

1. What is a circus?

Initial Questions: What is a circus? What does a circus look like? Where is the circus? Is there a local circus?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

Literacy: non-chronological report on what a circus is

PSHCE: Why do people travel and not stay in one place?

History: When was the first circus?

Maths: Circumference and radius of juggling balls

Science: Electricity and circus lights

6. Where in the world would you find the best circus?

Initial Questions: Where can you find the circus? What is the difference between a circus and a carnival?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

Geography: study on the Rio carnival

French- Cirque de Soleil

Music: Samba drumming and percussion - band

Golden moment:

Circus Kevin in for a day of circus skills

5. What about the animals?

Initial Questions: How do the animals participate in the show? What animals participate? Are they treated well?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

PSHE: Animals in captivity-debate

Literacy: Debate- should animals be in the circus?

Literacy: Instructions- how to train a lion

Art: Animals in the circus

French: Names of animals

Learning Challenge: What happens when the Circus comes to town?

3. Am I prepared to take risks?

Initial Questions: What risks are there in the circus? How do you know which risks to take?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

Literacy: Newspaper report- something has gone wrong at the circus

Literacy: story- suspense within a circus

PSHCE:

How do you cope with rejection? Why do people run away to join the circus?

What are my limits? Drug awareness

2. Are you talented enough to join the circus?

Initial Questions: What skills do you need to be in the circus? What range of acts are there?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

PE: -Creative dance

-Circus skills- diablo, spinning plates

Drama: mime and clowns

Literacy: -Persuasive letter to apply for a job -Performance poetry

PSHCE- What qualities do you need to persevere?

Maths: Angles of the swinging acrobats journey -floorplan of a circus -enterprise park

4. How does an artist show movement?

Initial Questions: What is movement? How do different artists show movement? What techniques can be used?

Learning Focus and Ideas:

Art: Toulouse Lautrec- movement

Drama- movement- photograph and re-create

DT- 3d model showing movement