

Artsmark and National Theatre Programmes for Primary Schools

Introduction

NT Learning provides children and young people with the chance to discover new skills and experience the excitement of theatre, through inspiring programmes and projects across the UK and at the National Theatre in London.

The **Primary Programme** works with Primary schools across the UK, offering a range of projects for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 students. The programme offers many opportunities for enrichment with a focus on creativity across the whole primary curriculum.

All NT Primary projects provide resources and professional development opportunities for teachers enabling them to effectively support their students to enjoy, engage and immerse themselves in the programme whilst learning new skills themselves. All our workshop leaders are professional theatre artists who have been trained to work in a school setting. They include actors, directors, designers and theatre technicians who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our programmes.

The National Theatre is a registered Artsmark Partner Organisation endorsed by Arts Council England who can support schools in achieving their Artsmark Award accreditation. Artsmark is a nationally recognised quality standard for schools which helps to develop, celebrate and strengthen high quality arts and cultural provision in education settings.

All National Theatre programmes are highly subsidised to enable a broad range of schools to take part. In addition, **we offer bursaries for schools where even the subsidised cost would be a barrier to participation.**

The following document illustrates how **NATIONAL THEATRE ON DEMAND. IN SCHOOLS** can ensure high quality, authentic arts activity with your school whilst supporting you on your Artsmark journey.

Artsmark schools are awarded their accreditation by Arts Council England based on the following 8 criteria; leadership, curriculum design, continued professional development (CPD), Children and young people engagement, range of offer, partnerships, equality and diversity, values and ethos. We have mapped each of our primary programmes against the Artsmark criteria below to ensure that your Artsmark journey is a success:

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What will be the impact of National Theatre Programmes in your school?

How can National Theatre Programmes help you achieve your Artsmark Award?

National Theatre On Demand. In Schools (ODIS)

How can Drama and Theatre be developed in your school using NT On Demand. In Schools?

The National Theatre: On Demand programme enables schools to access free streamed recording of National Theatre productions directly into classrooms, for free. The plays are curriculum-linked and supported by specially-designed teaching resources.

For more information - <https://schools.nationaltheatre.org.uk/app/os#!/home-2>

What will be the impact of NT On Demand. In Schools in your school?

- All children will have access to high quality theatre experiences no matter where they are in the UK.
- Teachers will have access to engaging and accessible teaching resources to facilitate deeper understanding of the original text and cross-curricular learning.
- Children will develop critical thinking skills when reflecting and reviewing theatre productions.

How can NT On Demand. In Schools help you achieve your Artsmark Award?

Curriculum Design	Artsmark schools have clear schemes of work and programmes of study to show progression of knowledge, skills and understanding in the arts. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme gives schools the opportunity to access the best of theatre in their classrooms, each recorded in high definition in front of a live theatre audience. Teachers are invited utilise these to high quality productions to support cross-curriculum design with the support of downloadable resources for each performance.
CPDL	Artsmark schools provide evidence of a clear commitment to CPD in the arts for all members of staff. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme provides curriculum linked and supported learning resources created by teachers and leading artists for each of the performances. These free resources ensure that all staff can access them and use them to support their teaching.
Children and Young People Engagement	All children and young people in Artsmark schools can demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding of high quality cultural provision in their settings. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme

	is an opportunity for pupils to engage, reflect and review high quality performances brought from the National Theatre directly into your classroom.
Range of Offer	Artsmark schools are able to offer a diverse range of high quality arts provision. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme ensures that all pupils have access to age appropriate, high quality theatre performances that can be accessed both within and beyond the school day, without cost or distance from a theatre being a barrier.
Partnerships	Artsmark schools should investigate offers from arts partners. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme is free for schools to use and demonstrates that your school is aware of resources provided by the National Theatre. This programme provides a pathway to creating longer term partnership through other NT programmes.
Equality and Diversity	Artsmark schools have an understanding and commitment to equality of opportunity to arts and culture experiences. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme is free to all school based in the United Kingdom therefore enabling all pupils from all social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds the opportunity to see, reflect and review excellent theatre.
Values and Ethos	Artsmark schools promote the arts for the intrinsic value they have. The NT: On Demand. In Schools Programme gives teachers and children the opportunity to access excellent theatre for everyone and give some children their first taste of high quality professional theatre.