



Drama at Ravenstone Primary School, Balham

TSF has been funding drama workshops at Ravenstone Primary School in Balham for several years now. Drama specialist Mary Lines, who has been described by the children as 'fantastic', leads the sessions.

As well as focusing on dramatic skills such as storytelling, improvisation, mime and role-play, the children also gain life skills such as concentration, clear self-expression and collaboration. The emphasis is on getting everyone involved and enjoying themselves, including the less confident and those for whom English is a second language.

One teacher reports: *'Drama encourages the children to use a wide range of skills and competencies and provides an opportunity for all children to access the curriculum in ways that some other subjects do not. It is a real pleasure to witness some children really come out of their shells and join in. It can be a massive boost to their confidence.'*