

Pantomime Challenge



It's Pantomime time - oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!

Whether you're feeling dramatic or looking for activities before visiting your local Pantomime, the pack will get you in the spirit of this theatrical tradition.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Pantomime' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Craft

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- ✦ Make your own Pantomime costumes and wigs. Use recycled materials or up-cycle clothes from a charity shop.
- ✦ The Fairy Godmother or the Good Fairy is a key role in most Pantomimes. Make yourself a set of fairy wings using materials of your choice.
- ✦ Create your own puppets and use them to tell a pantomime story, you could even make a cardboard box theatre!.
- ✦ Make your own sleep mask so you can sleep soundly like Sleeping Beauty.
- ✦ Try your hand at whittling or develop your axe skills.

Why?

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves is a traditional pantomime story. Ali Baba was a wood cutter; build your skills and become one too!

- ✦ Create your own Aladdin's lamp from air dry clay and a t-light.
- ✦ Make a cat toy to entertain your furry friend; after all, cats are a traditional companion of our pantomime heroes.

Did You Know?

In the 19th century, some actors specialised in performing animal roles, which were known as 'skin parts'.

- ✦ Decorate a golden egg from the tale of Mother Goose. Take a look at the art of egg decorating; it's amazing what can be done with a little imagination!
- ✦ Try your hand at spinning - don't worry, modern day wheels or drop spindles don't have sharp bits so no risk of any Sleeping Beauties! Why not have a go at making a drop spindle using an old CD and a piece of wooden dowel?
- ✦ Make a paper rose from the tale of Beauty and the Beast.
- ✦ Create your own pantomime mask. What character will your mask be for? How will you make it?
- ✦ Make your own pantomime props.
- ✦ Design a pantomime costume suitable for your favourite Panto tale. Remember: the best costumes are over the top so they can be seen clearly by the audience.



Food

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- ✦ All good pantomimes often include a custard pie fight. Have your own custard pie fight with spray cream and sprinkles!
- ✦ Try making a real custard pie.
- ✦ Pantomime Dames wear wild and wacky wigs, often with fruit or other props fixed in them. Create your own fruit basket Pavlova 'wig'.
- ✦ Make an Italian dish.

Why?

Pantomime comes from Italian street theatre 'Commedia dell'arte' which was popular in Europe from the 16th to 18th Century.

- ✦ Create a dish using sesame seeds or sesame oil... you could even magic it up with the words of Ali Baba "Open Sesame!"
- ✦ The Fairy Godmother turned a pumpkin in to a coach for Cinderella.. have a go at pumpkin carving and see what you can turn one in to!
- ✦ One of our favourite things about going to the Pantomime is the half time ice cream. Create your own ice cream flavours and go wild with your toppings!
- ✦ Do you know the muffin man? Who lives down Drury Lane? Make your own muffins.

Did You Know?

Pantomime is a long standing tradition of the Drury Lane theatre. John Weaver (known as the father of modern pantomime) premiered the first at Drury Lane Theatre in 1702.

- ✦ Cows are a common pantomime character. Make a milk based dish or create some black and white marbled cow cakes.
- ✦ Snow white was poisoned by an apple. Create your own tasty toffee apple alternative.
- ✦ Play the 'What am I Eating?' drama game. One person mimes eating a particular food and the others must guess the food correctly.
- ✦ Host a pantomime themed tea party based on your favourite Panto story. Theme up your food to match your chosen story. Why not dress up in your home-made costumes and play some games and tick off lots of challenges at the same time?!



Games

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- ✦ Have a Pantomime Dame relay race; in teams taking it in turns to run the length of the course, dressing up in wigs, dresses, shoes, etc, and doing your best Panto dame impression before undressing on the way back ready to pass over to the next member of your team.
- ✦ Inspired by the Genie from Aladdin, play a game of 2 truths and a wish.

How?

Take it in turns to tell the group 3 facts: 2 that are true and 1 that you wish were true. See if the group can guess which one is the wish.

- ✦ Get to know your group and test your memory, while developing your drama skills, with a game of "My Name is and I like..." Take it in turns, adding an action to demonstrate, then test your memory and try to remember everyone else's too!
- ✦ In the story of Cinderella the Prince tries to identify his beloved with the fit of the glass slipper. See if you can find the matching shoes by playing the shoe game: everyone puts their shoes in a pile in the middle, the shoes are shuffled and it's a race against the clock to match everyone back up with their shoes.
- ✦ Play with some story stones or drama dice; mixing characters, scenarios and scenes together for some fun improvisation. I.e. Prince Charming, being chased by a dinosaur in a supermarket. Use our dice download to help you - just fill in the blanks!
- ✦ Practice mime and play a game of charades.

Did You Know?

Outside of Britain 'pantomime' is understood to mean 'mime' rather than the theatrical tradition we know and love.

- ✦ Sing some call and repeat or action songs, developing your drama skills. Our favourite action song is, "Auntie Monica" and for call and repeat we love, "There was a crazy moose".
- ✦ Guess the Pantomime from the freeze frame.
- ✦ Try an obstacle course with a partner, dressed as a Panto horse!
- ✦ Mirror your partner in this traditional mime/drama game.



Other

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- ★ The most popular Pantomimes are based on traditional Fairy Tales, Fables and Folk Tails. Read one and share it with friends/family.
- ★ The Theatre Royal on Drury Lane is said to be the home of Pantomime in Britain. Visit it and see a show or if you can't get there in real life plan a trip; how will you get there, what show will you see?
- ★ Since the 19th Century Pantomimes have included well known variety acts. Hold your own variety/talent show.
- ★ Act out a play or short story but act as all of the characters.

Why?

Pantomime derives from the Greek word pantomimos, consisting of panto - meaning "all", and mimos, meaning a dancer who acted all the roles or all the story.

- ★ The Harlequin character featured heavily in the Pantomimes of the 18th Century and was typically good at gymnastics. Have a go at some gymnastics yourself. Remember to take care and only practice in a proper space with safety mats.
- ★ Visit a Pantomime and review your experiences. Present your review in a fun and interactive way and share it with friends or family.
- ★ Cinderella lost her glass slipper - try your hand at glass blowing or find out more about the process.
- ★ Create your own clown face paint and have a go at face painting.

Why?

Clown was a traditional character in 17th Century Pantomimes and was characterised by Joseph Grimaldi as an agent for chaos, causing mischief and adding humour.

- ★ Put on a Pantomime or a stage show as part of a group, it's a great group bonding experience too...oh no it isn't! OH YES IT IS!!
- ★ Plant your own magic beans inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk.
- ★ Support a local Pantomime, helping with set, costumes, front of house, etc.
- ★ Take a group trip with friends and family to see a local pantomime. Was anyone you know in the cast?

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