

## **KEY STAGE 1 & 2 CIRCUS WORKSHOPS**

### **IDEAS FOR IPC CURRICULUM CROSSOVER**

#### **MOVEMENT & ENTERTAINMENT: THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN**

National Centre for Circus Arts workshops for primary schools can work as the ideal supplement to the International Primary Curriculum's unit: 'Movement and Entertainment: The Circus is Coming to Town'. The areas listed below are just an example of some of the things that can be covered on your educational visit to the centre, or incorporated into a workshop at your school.



#### **Society**

- Students understand new ways to lead healthy, active lives, by exploring various circus activities and by talking to circus professionals about their lifestyles



#### **Science**

- Investigating the materials that circus equipment is made from
- Exploring the effects of gravity and movement through circus activities



#### **History**

- Discussing traditional and contemporary circus
- Finding out about influential characters in the history of circus such as Phillipe Petite or Philip Astley



#### **Physical Education**

- Developing hand/eye coordination and moving the body through a range of circus activities.
- Looking at what things are integral to training in circus, including strength, control and balance.
- Giving students opportunities to work individually and as part of a team, supporting and learning from each other
- We can also incorporate performance or sharing opportunities



#### **Geography**

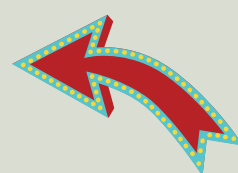
- Learning about the transformation of the National Centre for Circus Arts building from a Victorian power station to a world leading circus school

## **RESOURCE IDEAS**

#### **BOOK: THE TWITS**



#### **ARTIST: FERDINAND LEGER**



#### **BOOK: THE PALACE OF LAUGHTER**



#### **ACROBAT: THE GREAT BLONDIN**

