Strand 1- Exploring Film

Student Learning Goals

In this strand I will…

Film Language

- Watch and explore a wide range of films.
- Discuss and share my thoughts on a wide range of films.
- Identify the elements of film language.
- Develop my own shots using different filmmaking techniques.
- Investigate the characteristics of different film genres.
- Select scenes from films that I enjoy and identify how they communicate meaning.

Watching Film

- Reflect on the different ways we can watch films today.
- Explore how films are marketed to audiences.
- Design a film poster for a favourite film and explore different trailers.
- Find out more about venues in my area where I can watch films.
- Plan a visit to a local cinema or arts centre to see a film with my class.

Irish Film

- Explore and compare the plots and styles of different Irish short films.
- Explore Irish feature films and compare their themes with other films I have seen.
- Get to know the work of one Irish film director in detail.
- Find out about the filmmaking industry in Ireland, including animation, and related careers.

World Cinema

- Discover films from around the world.
- Find out more about life in other countries and cultures through films from those places.
- Compare watching film in another language with watching films in my first language.

Strand 1a - Sharing Film

- Choose a film scene I enjoyed to present to my class.
- Analyse the film language in that scene and share this with my class
- Find out more about the filmmaker, genre, or style of the film, and explore this in my presentation.

My Film Notebook

I will use my film notebook to…

- Write about the films I watch, both in and out of school, and my personal responses to them.
- Collect film reviews, listings, interviews and photos relating to the films I watch.
- Create my own drawings, photographs and other examples of different film techniques I have used.
- Keep a list of any films or filmmakers I want to find out more about.
- Reflect on my own learning and decide what I can do to improve my understanding of film.
- Prepare for oral discussions, group activities and group presentations.
- Come up with an idea for a film project to present to my group.