Subject	PE
Unit	Dance

Key vocabulary	Definition
Motif	A set of movements, usually in counts of 8, that tell the meaning of the dance. Often repeated in different forms throughout the dance
Jump	A movement where the dancers body leaves the ground
Travel	A movement that involves starting in one place and ending in another
Gesture	A movement with a smaller part of the body
Stillness	A moment when the dancer is totally still – as if in a photo
Turn	A rotation movement
Canon	The same movement being performed one after the other, like in a Mexican wave
Unison	The same movement being performed at exactly the same time
Levels	Movements done on the floor, at knee height and standing up
Pathways	The pattern that a dancer makes as they move across the floor e.g. curvy or zig zag
Relationships	How the dancer stands with other dances e.g. back to back, like a shadow, facing each other
Choreography	The making of a dance – putting the movements together to fit music or a theme