

**CROSS-CURRICULAR – DRAMA**  
**DOWN BY THE COOL OF THE POOL” – A PLAY****Teacher’s Notes**

**Language:** the language of the play

**Materials:** a script for each character, arts & crafts materials for masks (see Cross-curricular – Arts & Crafts)

Presentation of a play based on the story “DOWN BY THE COOL OF THE POOL” by Tony Mitton.

1. Talk to the children about acting out the story.
2. Assign the different roles to different children. To have more children involved, there can be more than one narrator. Also, take into account that there are speaking and non-speaking parts (not all the animals speak):
3. Talk to children about making masks for each animal. You can ask the Arts and Crafts teacher to help.



4. Talk to the children about having some music to accompany the play. The Music teacher can help with this.



**“DOWN BY THE COOL OF THE POOL” – A PLAY  
SCRIPT***Down by the cool of the pool*  
by Tony Mitton

**Narrator:** Down by the cool of the pool in the cool of the day, frog cried...

**Frog:** Wheeee! Can you dance like me?

**Narrator:** *Duck came to see*

**Duck:** I can dance too but not like you. I can flap!

**Narrator:** *And the frog cried ...*

**Frog:** Wheeee! Can you dance like me?

**Narrator:** *Pig came to see*

**Pig:** I can dance too. But not like you. I can wiggle.

**Narrator:** So pig went wiggle, duck went flap and frog cried...

**Frog:** Wheeee! Can you dance like me?

**Narrator:** *Sheep came to see*

**Sheep:** I can dance too but not like you. I can stamp!

**Narrator:** So sheep went stamp, pig went wiggle, duck went flap and frog cried ...

**Frog:** Wheeee! Can you dance like me?

**Narrator:** Then up sprang cat with a sudden bound and dog came frisking round and round. Goat butted in with a skip and a hop, and frog cried ...

**Frog:** Wheeee! That's great! Don't stop.

**Narrator:** Then playful pony began to prance and donkey drummed his hoofbeat dance, but when it came to capering cow, frog cied...

**Frog:** Wow! Altogether now...

**Narrator:** With a stamp and a wiggle, and a flap and a wheeee! The animals danced so joyfully, till... with a bump and a slip and a trip and a crash and a whoops watch out... and a topple and a splash into the pool they flapped and they flopped. But did that stop them? No! No! No! For they all cried Ooh! And Whooop! And Wheeeee!

**Frog:** Come and see. Oh, ha-ha-hee!  
We're having fun, dancing our dance in the cool of the pool!!

**Narrator:** And they splished and splashed till their dance was done, then they drifted and down went the sun, as there by the cool of the ripply pool with a hop hop plop even frog was gone.