



Knowledge Skills and Understanding Expressive Arts and Design



Reception children will be learning to:

Creating with Materials

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects (cotton buds, sponge, corks, brushes, rollers, adding texture etc.) to express their ideas and feelings.
- Talk about the changes and effects that occur when exploring colour mixing.
- Understand the process of how to use a paintbrush and mix paints.
- Begin to explore artists and talk about their ideas and feelings relating to a particular piece of art.
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
- Develop storylines in their pretend play.
- Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

- Develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses etc.
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.



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Reception – end of year expectations

ELG Creating with Materials		ELG Being imaginative and Expressive	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. • Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. • Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. • Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. • Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others and when appropriate try to move in time with music. 	
Key Texts		Experience	
Little Rabbit Foo Foo – whole class performance Commotion in the ocean – poetry performance in groups Performing 5 sentence stories in Talk for Writing independently		Winter Trees artwork Diya lamp Using clay to design a minibeast Garage Band Silhouette dinosaurs Performing with boomwhackers	
		Daily Routine	
		Movement and action songs Nursery rhymes & songs Weekly singing with Mrs Barclay The continents song Dance in P.E sessions	