

Please note, due to the emphasis on chronological age, some progression of skills may overlap.



Expressive Arts and Design The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

Need to add artists

Area Of Skill	Pre Nursery	Nursery (Age 3-4)	Reception (Age 4-5)	Beyond EYFS
Painting	To make marks with paint To know that paint makes marks To know we have different colours and to name some.	Explore colour and colour mixing Use pre-made paints and are able to name some colours Experiences using hands, feet and fingers to paint Explore printing with sponges, stamps and blocks Can hold a paintbrush in the palm of their hand To experiment with different sized paint brushes and tools	Know that mixing certain colours create new ones. Use primary and secondary colours and know their names. Can use thick paint brushes and thin ones to add detail Uses a range of tools to make coloured marks on paper e.g. sponges, brushes, fingers. Colour matching to a specific colour and shade Can independently select additional tools (stamps, rollers etc) to improve their painting - Experiment with colour, design, texture, form and function.	Knows what primary colours make secondary colours. Colour matching, altering tint and shade Warm/Cool colours Lines of varying thickness, Dots and lines for pattern/texture. Use a variety of brushes and tools Print with a variety of resources





	Make marks with various tools Aware of some objects that make marks Experimenting making marks in various malleable activities	Explore different drawing tools - e.g. pencils, felt tips, chalk, crayons, fingers Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including some details-or potato people with no neck or body. Show different emotions in their drawing Children draw in malleable materials such as sand, playdoh and rice.	Add white or black paint to alter tint or shade Can hold a paintbrush using a tripod grip Create patterns or meaningful pictures when printing To draw simple things from memory Use objects to draw from Use drawings to tell a story from retelling or from imagination. Encourage accurate drawings of people that include all the visible parts of the body. (head, hands, fingers, where are they?) Children are beginning to draw self-portraits, landscapes and buildings/cityscapes Select and use appropriate drawing tools – e.g. finger, stick, pencil, coloured pencils, pastels, chalk. Investigate different lines - thick, thin, wavy, straight.	Use different materials to draw, for example pastels, chalk, felt tips, charcoal Draw lines of varying thickness, experimenting with different grades of pencil (use sketch books to record mark making with different pencil grades) create different tones using light and dark create different patterns and textures using dots and lines.
Collage	Children use loose parts to create textures	Use loose parts and natural objects to make pictures and patterns	Simple collages, using paper, pasta, beans, loose parts, natural objects and larger tactile things	Use a range of materials creatively to design and make





	and patterns Children can stick with adult support	Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them Join different materials and explore different textures	Add textures to their work such as sticking tissues, pasta, ribbons etc. Beginning to weave (gross motor) Join items in a variety of ways – Sellotape, masking tape, string, ribbon Selects, sorts, tears and glues items down. Handling, manipulating and enjoying using materials Knows how to secure boxes, toilet rolls, decorate bottles Knows how to improve models (scrunch, twist, fold, bend, roll) Learns vocab Smooth, rough, bendy, hard	products. Use a wide range of patterns. Experiment with tearing and cutting paper and card Learns new vocab such as flexible, rigid
Sculpture	Manipulates dough Stacking toys Join two or more	- Join different materials and explore different textures Make models using various construction equipment	Constructs with a purpose in mind using a variety of resources.	Children have the opportunity to use a variety of materials for sculpting and





	objects such a duplo	Builds walls to create enclosed spaces Builds Towers by stacking objects Makes marks and explores clay	Builds simple models using walls, roofs and towers. Manipulates clay and other materials to achieve a planned effect, (rolls, cuts, squashes, pinches, twists) Builds models which replicate those in real life. Can use a variety of resources – loose part play - Able to shape and model from	experiment with joining and constructing. They use a variety of natural, recycled and manufactured materials for sculpting, e.g. clay, straw and card; use a variety of techniques, e.g. rolling, cutting, pinching; use a variety of shapes, e.g. lines and texture;
			observation and imagination Impress and apply simple decoration Make models and patterns using loose parts (including natural objects) and represent real objects with them	
Music	Responds to music Makes noises with various toys, cutlery etc	Explores instruments and is beginning to name them (drum, tambourine, maraca, triangle) Responds to music and copy actions	Is able to name a variety of instruments (also including chime bars, glockenspiels, xylophones) Plays a given instrument to a simple beat Understands emotion through music and can identify if music is 'happy', 'scary' or 'sad'	Expresses their opinion Beginning to write own compositions using symbols, pictures or patterns Can change the tempo and dynamics Recognises instruments in music Compose their own simple tunes Creates sound effects
Singing and Dancing	Copies watches basic actions	Copies basic actions and can repeat some independently	Sings in a group, trying to keep in time	Put a sequence of actions together





	Moves responds to music Recognises familiar nursery rhymes	Moves to music Begins to watch short performances Knows some words when singing Sings in a small group	Watches performances and is able to share likes and dislikes Learns short routines, beginning to match pace Learns longer dance routines, matching pace Replicates dances and performances Sings in a group, matching pitch and following melody Sings by themselves, matching pitch and following melody	Begin to improvise independently to create a simple dance Sings in tune and to the correct beat
Role Play	Joins in with games such as peek a boo Plays with teddies, toys and dolls responding to adults and other children's role plays.	Plays with familiar resource simple small world (farm, cars, trains, dolls etc) Uses costume and roleplay areas to take on character roles Joins in with repetition in simpler familiar stories and nursery rhymes	Uses own experiences to develop storylines Participates in small world play related to rhymes and stories Uses imagination to develop own storylines Uses experiences and learnt stories to develop storylines Enhance with resources that they pretend are something else	To take part in a simple role play of a known story Make up own scenarios and recreate events,



	Use costume and props and beginning to make their own	





Independence	Choose a piece of paper from a selection of 2/3 colours	Chooses paper from a wide selection and of which is appropriate to the task (black paint on white paper,	Reviews own work and makes improvements
	Creates their own piece of art and gives meaning	white paint on black)	To develop and share their ideas, experience
		Works with a friend, copying ideas and developing skills together	and imagination
		Creates their own piece of art and begins to self-correct any mistakes	
		Returns to work on another occasion to edit and improve	
		Creates collaboratively, sharing ideas with peers and developing skills further	





Resources	Pens, paint, paint brush,playdough	Palm brushes, Large chalks, Whiteboard pens, chunky wax crayons, chunky pencil crayons, pencils, Pre-mixed paint, Primary powder paint colours, glue sticks, glue spatulas, PVA glue, Felt tips, card, paper, embellishments	Thick and thin paintbrushes, thin chalks, thin wax crayons, thin pencils, thin pencil crayons, variety of paints, clay, charcoal, highlighters, tracing paper, transient materials, rollers, sculpting tools for playdough/clay, sponges, scissors, IWB	Children are exposed to a variety of media using different materials
			Watercolour paints, pastels, string, marbles, cutlery, whisks, hole punches, staplers (supervise), cotton buds, cotton wool, foil, art straws	