

Nursery to Reception Progression and Knowledge Organiser — Art and Design (Expressive Arts and Design)



England Class Nursery	EYFS Curriculum: Development Matters - Expressive Arts and Design — 3-4 Year Olds				Progression towards ELG:	
J	 Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details. Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises. Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc. Explore colour and colour mixing. 				 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. 	
Curriculum	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Coverage (Examples)	Faces outlines and resources to add on eyes and hair Portraits – Design a giant leaf & acorn from resources collected on Autumn walk.	Painting animals Build an animal (Junk Modelling. Create a Christmas tree ornament (Salt dough) Mix colours to design firework picture	Leaf rubbing to make a leaf man Chinese writing/make a red envelope Library visit Make a valentine card. (Bubble painting.	Using apples cut in half to print.	Fruit printing Silk dough/Play dough make a fruit model.	Painting a meadow Bubble making
Key Vocabulary	Colour names, colour, mix, paint, draw, dab, light, dark, thick, thin, print					

Wales/Scotland	EYFS Curriculum: Development Matters - Express	sive Arts and Design	Progression towards ELG:		
Classes					
Reception	 Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. 		 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 		
Curriculum Coverage (Examples)	Autumn 1 — Self Portraits Autumn 2 — Andy Goldsworthy Beginning to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. Build models using	Spring 1 - Van Gogh — S work; link to S Spring 2 — Fair	Space Summer 2 – Art around the World		

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	construction equipment. Self-portraits, junk	Design and make rockets. Design and make	symmetrical butterflies Children will be		
	modelling, take picture of children's creations	objects they may need in space, thinking	encouraged to select the tools and techniques		
	and record them explaining what they did.	about form and function. Creating outer of	they need to assemble materials that they are		
	Clay diva lamps/salt dough Christmas	space pictures	using e.g creating animal masks. Sand		
	baubles. Firework pictures, Christmas	Making paper lanterns, Chinese writing,	pictures / Rainbow fish collages Lighthouse		
	decorations, Christmas cards, Freestanding	puppet making, Shadow Puppets. Make	designs Paper plate jellyfish Salt dough fossils		
	structures linked to Andy Goldsworthy. Wax	different textures; make patterns using	Water pictures, collage, shading by adding		
	resist night time pictures. Teach children	different colours Pastel drawings, printing,	black or white, colour mixing for beach huts,		
	different techniques for joining materials, such	patterns on Easter eggs, Life cycles, Flowers-	making passports. Colour mixing,wax		
	as how to use adhesive tape, treasury tags,	Sun flowers Mother's Day crafts Easter crafts	resistant painting, masking tape batik –		
	paper clips and different sorts of glue	Home Corner role play. Sliding pictures —	underwater pictures. Father's Day Crafts		
		links to Van Gogh.			
Key Vocabulary	Artist, Draw, Pencil, Brush, Colour, Paint, Shade, Pattern, Picture, Pastels, Design, Create, Texture, Portrait, Print, Apply, Join, primary				
	secondary, lighter, darker, brushstroke, pattern, line, shape, detail, model				

Progression of Skills					
	Drawing	Painting	Collage	Sculpture	Print
Nursery	Using gross motor	Explore paint using a wide	Exploring a range of	Handle and investigate a	Become aware that
	movements to create large	variety of tools	materials such as pasta,	variety of materials and	objects leave marks
	marks- continuous rotations,	hands/cars/sponges/veg	shells, rice, tissue, paper,	malleable materials, boxes,	e.g. hand printing,
	push/ pulls, vertical arcs		string, fabric, beginning to	pots, sticks, salt dough, play	foot printing,
			respond to different	dough, Duplo, Lego etc.	sponges.
	Using lines to enclose shapes	Explore different types of	textures		
		paint- powder paint, textured		Use hands to manipulate	Widen the variety
	Begin to use enclosed shapes	paint, scented paint, water	Begin to combine resources	malleable materials in	of resources used
	to represent people or objects	colours, poster paint	with different textures,	different ways, rolling,	for printing e.g.
			colours and shapes	kneading, squashing, pinching	fruit
~	Begin to include features				
Reception	such as circles for eyes, hair	Exploring how colours can be	Talk about what they are	Begin to arrange blocks, boxes	Find different ways
	and limbs on pictures of	changed and starting to use	doing using vocabulary	in different ways- stacking,	to print e.g. in clay,
	figures	vocabulary such as light dark,	such as smooth, shiny, soft,	lining up, enclosure	play dough, mud
		colour names, change	bumpy, rough		