## Expressive arts and design

## ELG: Exploring using Media and Materials.

## Children at the expected level of development will:

## Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

- 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.
- Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them


## Nursery Reception

## Building blocks to achieve Exploring using Media and Materials.

 Drawing- Experiment with blocks, materials, colours and marks. Make marks, draw circles and lines
- Draw faces enclosed spaces with increasing detail. Gives meaning to marks.
- Use drawing to represent own ideas and feelings.

Painting

- Explores colour and how colours can be changed.
- Colour mixing

Printing

- Print with large blocks and sponges, leaves and body parts.


## Modelling/Collage/textile

- Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things
- Experiment to create different textures. Use glue spatulas and glue sticks with support.
- Manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect.
- Select materials and use simple tools appropriately. Snips paper
- Fastening materials together in different ways (mainly glue and Sellotape / masking tape)


## Building blocks to achieve Exploring using Media and Materials.

Drawing

- Hold a pencil and other materials with control and confidence.
- Draw a person with basic features in right place. Tell an adult what they are drawing.
- Draw and name different styles of line - straight, curved, wavey, zigzag, different thickness and shading.
- Draw from imagination and observation
- Pupils draw complex forms using simple shapes such as circles, squares and triangles.

Painting

- Hold a paintbrush. Use brushes of different thickness to add detail and fill in shapes.
- Look after paint brushes.
- Paint using ready-mixed paints. Tell and adult what they are painting.
- Name and recognise primary and secondary colours.
- Mix secondary colours from primary colours.
- Know that adding black or white can make colours darker or lighter.
- Can experiment with colours to make new colours.
- Begin to paint within lines to add colour rather than just outlines.
- Use colour to express ideas.
- Use stamper prints to create patterns and pictures. Paint using ready- mixed paints.
- Use of body parts to print / make marks on papers.
- Develop simple repeating patterns.

Collage

- Hold and use scissors correctly to cut papers and fabrics into simple shapes and strips.
- Stick two objects using glue.
- Sort materials by colour and texture using descriptive vocab.

Clay

- To experience different malleable materials including clay, plasticine and play dough.
- To be able to use hands mould into a shape.
- To begin to roll clay.
- To make marks in clay using tools.
- To know that once dried it cannot be changed.

Modelling

- To be able to use junk to create models.
- To fold paper.
- To use tape, split pins, treasury tags, staples and glues to join materials.
- To use constructions kits to make artefacts/ models.
- To stack 3d shapes to create temporary models.
- To use scissors to cut materials

Textiles

- To thread objects into strings and wools or a purpose.
- To experiment with weaving techniques with paper, wools and fabrics.

Computing

- Can take photographs and consider focus and position of what they have chosen.

Talk about the work of other artist and how that work makes them feel.

## Continuous provision:

- Display children's work
- 'Artist of the week' to promote mark making/accessing make and do area independently.
- Indoor and outdoor opportunities with range of media
- Opportunities to explore scale with a variety of materials and resources.
- A variety of materials provided for children to explore and describe.
- Outdoor chalks
- Outdoor stage accompanied with instruments and props.


## Role of adult:

- Listen and understand what children want to create before offering suggestions.
- Teach and model key skills (repeating regularly) (e.g. using masking tape to secure materials)
- Encourage children to draw from imagination and observation.
- Model drawing and pointing out key features of their own and children's work.
- Model vocabulary when discussing their own children's and other artist's work
- Invite outside professionals in to widen children's experiences and ideas.
- Provide children with opportunities to make creative decisions about the content of their work, select appropriate media to work with and making choices about outcomes.


## Continuous provision:

- Display children's work
- Opportunities to explore a range of materials.
- Opportunities to join materials.
- Planned activities designed to develop specific skills, e.g., make and do, creative table, encompassing a range of materials including ICT Eg paint programmes.
- Indoor and outdoor opportunities to use natural and man-made materials.
- Examine the works of a particular artist as designated by the school art and design curriculum.
- Outdoor chalks
- Observational drawing


## Role of adult:

- Demonstrate and support the concept and skills being taught.
- Model vocabulary when discussing their own children's and other artists work.
- Supporting children to apply those skills independently.
- Focus on skills and process rather than outcome.
- Model and support children to use a range of joining methods.
- Work alongside children to solve problems, tuning into their interest, using sustained thinking asking open ended questions (I wonder... if I ...) encourage children to express own ideas. Recapping and clarifying ideas in order to extend their thinking and language.
- Provide children with opportunities to make creative decisions about the content of their work, select appropriate media to work with and making choices about outcomes.
- Encourage children to work together to realise their ideas and share resources.

| Vocabulary | Vocabulary |
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| Line | Line |
| Artist | Tone |
| Shape | Shape |
| paint | Texture |
|  | Pattern |
|  | Artist |
|  | Primary colours |
|  | Thick |
|  | Thin |

