

Art and Design Progression of Skills Reception

Reception	Physical Development	 Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely, and confidently. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility. 	Continuous provision – threading, tweezers, scissors, outdoor area climbing equipment, multi height surfaces to build/write at, playdough. Focused tasks – PE lessons, use of equipment, handwriting sessions Vocabulary – make, roll, "wing in"/thumb to the sky (scissor control), cut, safety, strength.	
	Expressive Arts and Design	 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. 	Continuous provision – Making table, pens and pencils, crayons, chalk, playdough, construction materials, junk modelling, painting easel, large scale mark making in the outdoors, group play. Focused tasks – Christmas cards, observational daffodil drawing/painting, guided drawing, pattern making – maths and linked to stories, fairy-tale craft. Forest School crafts including peg dollies, clay faces. Vocabulary – pencil, line, curve, straight, shading, colour, create, experiment, paint, observe, drawing, paint.	
ELG	Physical Development - Fine Motor Skills	 Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes, and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing. 	ntinuous provision – twiddle table, threading, tweezers, pegs, pin boards, namer and nail, pencil grips, writing paper, post-its, notebooks, clipboards, ssors, holepunch, paint brushes, cutlery. cused tasks – Dough Disco, letter formation practise, daily phonics, using a fe and fork for lunches, guided drawing sessions, children drawing own signs. cabulary – cut, hold, snip, paint, stroke, thick, thin, colour, curve, straight, clay, ydough, explore, model, tools and material names, words relating to size, ght and texture. Pinch, stretch, roll, attach, mark making.	
	Expressive Arts and Design - Creating with Materials	 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. 	Continuous provision – construction, Lego, Duplo, blocks, multilink, junk modelling, paint, making table, playdough, chalk, crayon, pens, pencil, writing material. Focused tasks – learn about Jackson Pollock – splatter painting, follow Rob Biddulph Guided drawing, Andy Goldsworthy – stacking natural materials, Arcimboldo – fruit faces. Vocabulary – create, experiment, texture, design, colour, paint, pattern, Mark making tools, sponges, different brushes, colour, texture, shape, 2D, observation, imagination, scale, size, colour names, colour mixing, light, dark, fine motor skills. Colour names, colour mixing, light, dark.	

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Focus:	Drawing	Colour	3D Design
Line / Detail + Observation	Increased control of lines to produce circles and shapes with increased fine motor skills. Creating recognisable images from their basic shapes. Guided Drawing.		
Texture/Pattern	Experiment with different drawing tools and mark making		
Colour Mixing/Knowledge		Naming colours. Experiment mixing colour and commenting on results.	
Application of Paint		Paint applied exploratively with fingers, large brushes, large rollers/stamps/printing	
Construction Form			Handling and manipulating materials - Constructing - Building and destroying - Shape and model - Play dough, sand, junk modelling. - Beginning to explain their constructions.
Surface + Texture			Experiment with malleable materials mark making to change surface and texture
Research+ Planning/ Eval			To experiment making some objects with a plan e.g. story props.
Media	Pencil Pen Crayon Water Sand	Paint Stamps Wax crayon Collage	Junk Modelling Craft materials including paper plates/ lollypop sticks/ foam + paper shapes/ pipe cleaners/ pompoms. Clay Natural found materials Playdough
Artists/Craft Makers/Designers	Rob Biddulph (1972-)	Jackson Pollock (1912- 1956)	Andy Goldsworthy (1956-) Giuseppe Arcimboldo (1526-1593)