

Subject Information



Art Early Years

“The development of children’s artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity.” (Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage)

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, Art is a specific area of learning and is within the ‘Expressive Arts and Design’ strand of learning. It is used to develop a child’s imagination, creativity and their ability to use media and materials.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, whether this be through adult-led teaching of skills, or exploring media and materials within the areas of provision. The ‘Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning’ are also demonstrated through the subject- exploring, active learning, creating and thinking critically.

Through focused teaching, the children will be increasingly aware of how marks can be made, and will have the opportunity to explore the media with which this can be done within the areas of provision, producing their own creative masterpieces. They will develop an appreciation of Art work and will begin to explore their feelings about these. Using their senses, they will explore materials and objects and experiment with the changes that can be made, for example through the manipulation of materials, or creating different colours through colour mixing.

The children in EYFS will:

- Explore mark making using specific materials
- Explore colours and how they might change
- Explore how to use materials to make new objects and to use them for a specific purpose.