

Expressive Arts & Design (Early Years) Skills Progression

| EAD – Creating with Materials | | | | | | |
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| Nursery | Rec Autumn Term | Rec Spring Term | Rec Summer Term | | | |
| Explore different materials freely, 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. Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park. 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. | 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. Develop storylines in their pretend play. | 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. | | | |
| SEND Provision: Ensure sensory opportunities when exploring different materials. Support with picture prompts and emotion maps when drawing Encourage use of Makaton/communication boards etc. to support with discussing what they have created Model effectively how to use different materials in a range of ways | | | | | | |

| EAD – Being Imaginative & Expressive | | | | | | |
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| Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar. Remember and sing entire songs. Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs. Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know. Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. | Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses. | Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody. Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. | Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. | | | |

SEND Provision: All targets in line with EHCP



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| Begin to develop complex sto world equipment like animal houses, etc. | • | | | | |
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| SEND Provision: | Model pretend play using picture prompts/videos to support understanding Repeat songs with similar structure e.g. nursery rhymes Use Makaton/Communication boards etc. to discuss what they have hear/what they are laying | | | | |