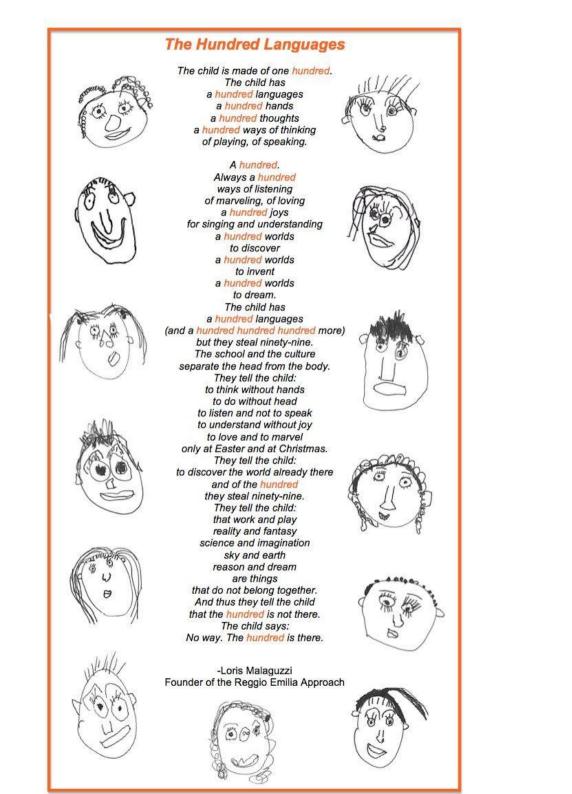


Fairfield Nursery School



Expressive Arts and Design: Exploring and using Media and Materials Curriculum



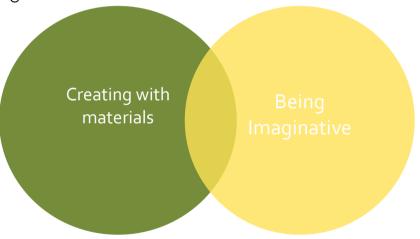
The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

We understand that expressive arts and design is one of the seven areas of the early years foundation stage and is used to develop a child's imagination, creativity and their ability to use media and materials. Children do this in range of ways including singing songs and making music, dancing, playing with colours, textures and design. All these approaches to expressive arts help children to represent and understand their own feelings and ideas.

In the EYFS framework, Expressive Arts and Design is made up of two aspects:

Creating with materials covers previous aspects of 'Being Creative – Responding to Experiences, Expressing and Communicating Ideas', 'Exploring Media and Materials and Creating Music and Dance', and 'Designing and Making'.

Children's learning and development in this area will be enhanced as they sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with different ways of doing these activities. As they develop they will use and explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, shape, and form.



Children need the following to be able to develop effectively:

Time

Children need time to explore, experiment and play with the resources around them. They need support in being able to uunterstand what you can do with the different media and they may require trial and error before they feel satisfied with their efforts.

It is important to recognise that children need uninterrupted time. Only then can young children become truly involved, absorbed and inspired. If the session/day is constantly interrupted by adult-directed activities and routines - phonics time, snack time, group time - children will quickly learn that it is not worth becoming involved, as they will soon have to stop. Constant interruptions limit the possibilities for children to explore, use media and materials and be imaginative and creative.

Space

Having too much or too little space can make creative possibilities a challenge. A large space may be intimidating for one child but inviting for another, while a small area can be frustrating when you want to paint on a large scale but other children may need a small space to feel comfortable. So it is important to consider a variety of different sized areas for children to access.

As practitioners, we need to find ways round any limitations on the space we have available. For example, creating something on a small scale with junk materials inside and then recreating it on a large scale outside with natural materials such as stones, conkers, fir cones, canes, tent pegs and ropes can be exciting for children. It also enables the children to work collaboratively, exchanging ideas and helping each other.

Likewise, having the space to paint on an easel as well as on a flat surface (floor, table or outside) provides the scope for children to work alone or collaboratively, express themselves on a small or large scale, and explore 'big' ideas and experiment with more delicate techniques.

Pushing back the furniture to make space or ridding the room of some tables can often lead to inspirational, creative experiences, including dancing and singing. And always make the most of the outdoors.

Materials

The kind of resources offered to young children greatly affects the development of their imagination and the opportunities they have to explore, be inquisitive and learn about the properties of materials and how to use them to express their ideas.

By offering children open-ended materials it provides them with many possibilities that can be used in all sorts of inventive ways. For example, a basket of silk scarves can become flags, fairy ribbons, a secret path to the magic cave and a magic potion in a big pot; a collection of stones, shells and leaves can be turned into patterns or used to recreate and personalise the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

The materials we provide need to be of a high quality - for example, a range of paints that are well mixed and powder paints that children have to mix themselves, includes sharp colours and a variety of shades, alongside good-quality brushes and paper in varying sizes and shapes. It is then the practitioner's responsibility to provide knowledge and understanding in how to create paint that doesn't drip and run.

Opportunities

We need to be sure that children are given as many opportunities to experience all aspects of creativity and imaginative play. Providing opportunities also means following children's interests and taking them as the starting point for learning, rather than always planning an adult-directed activity. Expressive Arts and Design is an area of learning where children's imaginations, ideas and fascinations can come to life and they are able to recreate them in all kinds of ways with adult support and encouragement. It is important to find a balance between child-initiated play and learning and adult - directed activities.

Language and talking

Creative experiences are full of opportunities to talk and develop language. They enable children to communicate their ideas in many ways, from singing and dancing to painting and modeling 'One Hundred Languages (Loris Malaguzzi)'. Tina Bruce expresses this well by saying, 'Creativity is part of the process through which children begin to find out they have something unique to 'say' in words or dance, music, or hatching out their theory'.

The Principles for Exploring and using Media and Materials Curriculum

- To develop children's experiences and engagement with a variety of media and materials
- To develop children's skills in using tools and different techniques.
- To encourage children to share their thought, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music and design and technology.

EYFS Statutory Framework 2021 - Early Learning Goals:

Creating with 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;
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used;
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Being Imaginative and Expressive Children at the expected level of development will:

- 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.

Key principles of intent linked to Art

- OBSERVATION- look closely at the world through real experiences, objects and artifacts, in natural and made environments
- COMMUNICATION- talk about what they are doing and talk about colours, patterns, textures and shapes, in what they see, touch and feel
- AESTHETIC AWARENESS: respond to creative and aesthetic experiences, showing pleasure and enjoyment, awareness and appreciation of sensory experiences/different stimuli
- PHYSICAL SKILL-manipulate and control a range of tools and equipment for different purposes
- ART PROCESSESS AND TECHNIQUES- use different techniques within painting, drawing, collage and sculpture using a variety of media and materials.
- EVALUATION- talk about their work/work of others, say what they like and dislike and why, make suggestions about changes they could make or different tools or techniques they could have used.

When assessing children we use the following statements linked to the 4 different areas of Art we have explore: Paint, drawing, collage and sculpture.

Paint	I am exploring paint, understanding the texture and that we can use it to make marks on paper.	paint an it to the	ncy creating a	I am beginning to the skills I have led use these to crea own paintings c observational paintings arour	arnt and ate my ind do inting of	I am able to express my ideas using a range of painting skills, selecting my tools appropriately and explain the process I used to make my creation.
Drawing	I am able to make conne between the marks I mak share these with othe	e and		a range of drawing effectively.	differer these a	n able to use a range of nt drawing tools and select appropriately, discussing the ns behind using the medial.
Collage	I am exploring different materials and thinking of ways I can arrange them.	material how to ι	estigating different s and finding out use them ty and safely.	I am sharing my id arranging materia form my own collo	Ils to	I am confident in explaining what a collage is and I am able to create my own using a range of materials and share the process with others.
Sculpture	I am exploring clay and understand my hands are tools and the different marks they can make.	things c the cl shapes	vestigating what do, how to mould ay into different and beginning to my ideas in clay.	I am able to use a of techniques and effectively and be to carefully select when planning my sculpture.	tools eginning these	I am able to create my own 2D and 3D structures out of clay and share the process of my journey to achieving my goal.

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INTENT

	l am exploring using my senses.	I am investigating what things are and how to use them safely.	I am beginning to apply the skills I have learnt and making connections	I am able to express my ideas using a range of skills and explain the process I used to make my creation.
Observation	Explore the world through all the senses	Engage in explorations of different media and materials	Show a deeper involvement and interest in their observations and explorations	Use their observations to help develop and form own ideas
Communication	Communicate explorations through physical expression, sound and emotion.	Begins to communicate what they observe through different 'languages' and develop vocabulary	Notice features and communicates the detail about what can be seen	Begin to communicate their emotions through their explorations and work. Begin to reflect on their experiences and share ideas. Make connections to their work and the work of other artist
Aesthetic Awareness	Engage in sensory explorations of different materials and media, exploring colour, texture and pattern	Show emotional responses to different stimuli and creative experience	Communicate awareness through emotions, speech and other 'languages'	Become more detailed in describing and communicating what they can see. Reflect on their work and the work of others
Physical Skill	Explore tools such as paint brushes	Begin to understand that	Gain control of tools when exploring different	Use tools competently and safely

	and scissors Explore materials and media with whole body	tools can be used for a purpose. Start to manipulate and handle materials with increasing control	techniques for different purposes Use different media and materials with control and skill	and appropriate to the task Use tools to enhance creations by considering texture, shade, line and form
Art Processes and Technique	Explores art forms such as drawing, painting, collage, sculpture at an exploratory and sensory level.	Begins to explore different techniques within these art forms such as mixing paint, exploring colour and color mixing, experimenting with line, shape, form and texture.	Understand that different media and techniques can be combined. Begins to represent ideas using a variety of techniques and media. Selects resources needed.	Shows competence in art processes and techniques. Creates texture, combines media in creative and imaginative ways, draws using line and shape and shows development of form through sculpture. Mixes colour with purpose. Develops reflection and returns to work as needed.
Evaluation	Show others their work and enjoy the acknowledgeme nt of their efforts.	Communicates their ideas about what has been created.	Shares work with others, talking about what they have done and what they like/don't like.	Discuss the creative process, thinking about 'how' and 'why'. Make suggestions about how they might do things differently next time.

The Key principles of Implementation linked to Art

At Fairfield, we place a high focus on engagement in and delivery of our Arts Curriculum. Whilst we value children's final art work, we are in fact most encouraging of engagement in the creative process. We do not offer ready mixed paint and instead, encourage children to engage with the process of mixing paint from the youngest age. Clay and clay tools are accessible at all times.

We have a spate arts space, our Atelier, where children are introduced to a variety of adult led provocations and activities in order to extend and deepen their knowledge and understanding of different media and materials.

Following participation in the SLiCE (Specialist Leader in Cultural Education) Fellowship in 2018-2019 through Curious Minds and the Arts Council England, we now offer Arts Award 'Discover' to a select group of children in their final nursery year.

IMPLEMENTATION

	l am exploring using my senses.	I am investigating what things are and how to use them safely.	I am beginning to apply the skills I have learnt and make connections.	I am able to express my ideas using a range of skills and explain the process I used to make my creation.
Observation	should spend time in b the nursery setting. Ch	ooth indoor and out ildren should be off	e world through real life e door spaces as well as pl ered interesting and inspi neir own observations of t	aces away from ring objects and
	PAINT Supporting children to understand that they can use all of their senses to observe with such as; looking at colour indoors and outdoors, touching and feeling paint, smelling and hearing the sound of	PAINT Invite children outdoors to observe the natural colours around them. To introduce cameras to capture images.	PAINT Support children in understanding how they can make connections with the colours around them. Bring into the classroom grass, flowers, sticks etc to closely observe.	PAINT Encourage children to apply their observations to their own creativity by drawing on their own observations.

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dripping or			
squelching paint.	DRAWING	DRAWING	DRAWING
DRAWING	DRAWING	DRAWING	DRAWING
DRAWING	Through	Supporting children to	Supporting
Encourage children	observations of	look more carefully at	children in
to observe images	drawings help	the shapes, the	starting to plan
that have been	children to see	patterns, the	what they
drawn,	the differences	perspective, the colors,	want to draw
photographed or	and to notice	the shadows, the	from their
painted.	what tools might	contours, and how all	observations.
COLLAGE	have been used	of the details interact.	Encourage
COLLAGE	to create them.	COLLAGE	them to think
Provide children with	COLLAGE	COLLAGE	about what
collage materials	COLLAGE	Support children to	their drawing
such as; paper, card,	Encourage	make decisions about	might look like.
material, natural	children to	which materials to use	Allow children
resources e.g. bark	observe. Support	and how they can then	to tell their
etc. give children the	them in	manipulate these	story.
opportunity to use	beginning to	shapes of various	COLLAGE
their natural desire to	look closer and	textures, forms and	0011/101
explore the world	notice texture	color until they are	Guide children
through their sense of	and form out in	satisfied with their	towards
touch.	the world. This	arrangement.	symbolic
	will allow them to	SCULPTURE	representation
	see the beauty	JULFIUKE	by asking,
SCULPTURE	in ordinary things	Introduce torches;	"How would
	and can support	cameras, lenses and	you use these
Provide children with	them to	microscopes for	materials to
a variety of different	appreciate the	observing clay close	make a person
clay; white, brown,	possibilities of		or an animal?"

Communication	Through their open-ended access to media and materials, children will have freedom to communicate their ideas through the 100 languages. Adults will a new vocabulary and opportunities to express themselves through a variety of me				
	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	
	Talk with the	To help children	Provide children	Provide open	
	children about the	understand that	with the	ended	
	shapes of objects,	painting can be a	opportunity to	opportunities for	
	using nouns and	social experience,	express their	children to create	
	verbs. Providing the	giving children an	feelings and	their own painting	
	vocabulary for the	opportunity to	emotions through	Support children in	
	children to copy	connect through a	paint with or	talking about who	
	and use.	shared interest.	without speech.	they have created	
		Observing their	Adults to tune into	and encourage	
		peers involved in	children's	reflection so that	
	DRAWING	the process of	communications	they are able to	
		painting, children	through paint.	their work.	
	Encourage	are often inspired	DRAWING	DRAWING	
	language related	by the techniques,	DRAWING	DRAWING	
	to shape and lines	color choices, lines,	Support children	Support children i	
	when observing	shapes and	using fine arts	understanding the	
	shape in the	symbols of others.	experiences to	drawings can act	
	environment. E.g	DRAWING	develop their	as an anchor for	
	concepts such as	DRAWING	ability to draw and	their ideas as they	
	size, naming basic	Talk to children	create drawings to	begin to	
	shapes.	about shape and	look more like their	experiment with	
	COLLAGE	detail. Explain what they are seeing	representations. Which further lead	letters and engag in emergent writin	
	Provide children	around them and	to storytelling –		

to que comp descri collage that the Support giving opport comm their p near & their fi	he language estion, bare and ibe the ge materials hey explore. PTURE ort children by g them the intunicate with beers and by adults of indings whilst ring the clay.	using writing alongside drawings. COLLAGE Adult to guide children towards symbolic representation by asking "How would you use these materials to create a person, animal or object?" Pose questions to inspire thought. SCULPTURE Support children by helping them to understand that by using clay it gives them another language for expressing their thoughts, ideas and emerging working theories about their world.	activities COLLAGE Encourage children to discuss and share their own ideas with others, providing opportunities to expand on thoughts and to possibly create a group project that children support one another and can return to. SCULPTURE Support children to work to solve technical problems with clay they often collaborate, sharing their skills and knowledge with each other. Adults to work alongside children in order to scaffold some of these
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		SCULPTURE		developing skills.
		Adults to support		Thinking about their next steps.
		children by		
		commenting on		
		specific elements		
		of clay - such as		
		form, texture,		
		colour, or line, and		
		use technical terms		
		- such as:		
		modeling,		
		sculpting, wedging,		
		pinching, poking.		
		Providing that		
		language for children to use.		
Aesthetic Awareness	adults will draw their work of others, com own work. Children with different crafts.	attention to details. ment and share thoug will be introduced to	orld around them, thr They are encouraged ghts and use what the the work of artists fror cluding peers and wor	to comment on the ey see to inspire their m other cultures and
	and craft relating to	pats and different cul	tures.	
	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT
	Provide children with different materials such as:	Work with children to encourage them to look	Invite children to use magnifying glasses to look closely and focus	Support children to understand their artistic preferences and unique style,
	live plants, these	closely at shape,		and unique sigle,

lend beauty,	size, pattern and	on the fine detail	and develop
colour, and	design.	such as; the veins	confidence and
fragrance for		of leaves, the	pride in their work
children to exp	Diore DRAWING	petals of flowers,	
further.		the pattern of tiles.	Work with children
	Encourage		to explore colours
Support childre	en in children to look	DRAWING	and how different
discovering an	nd closely at colour, to		colours go
understanding	their find out more	Supporting children	together.
likes and dislike	es. about the different	in understanding	
	shades of colour.	some concepts of	DRAWING
DRAWING	To think about how	drawing, such as	Introduce children
Provide a	they can relate to	distance, size	to the work of
stimulating	the colour that	comparison and	artists from other
environment fo	they se around	textural	cultures and with
children	them.	differences. Adult	different crafts.
surrounded by	COLLAGE	to show children	Encourage them to
drawings and	COLLAGE	how to draw big,	think carefully
artwork includi	Adult to provide	small, rough.	about what they
cultural art for	children with the	Smooth far and	like about the
children to see	opportunity to use	near.	cultural work
touch and exp	the indeer and	COLLAGE	
	outdoor provision	COLLAGE	COLLAGE
COLLAGE	to collect and use	Support children to	
	materials of	see more than just	The adult will help
Invite children	anterent textures,	a building; to be	children to see
explore differe		aware that besides	beauty in ordinary
types of collag		a structure they see	things and will
materials, to lo	ok at children to	complex	support them in
the colour, exp		relationships of	growing in
texture and to		rough, smooth, and	resourcefulness by
children time to	0		appreciating the

think about which they like and don't like. SCULPTURE Provide children with photos of clay sculptures to explore and to look at in detail. Showing them how clay can be created into different things.	respond sensitively to their surroundings. SCULPTURE Provide open- ended loose parts and small world objects to trigger imaginative play and also engage children who aren't confident with the texture of the clay.	shiny surfaces. They may realize that a tree has a relationship of textures; the rough indented bark and the hard branches contrasting with the smooth or soft leaves. Support children in implementing this into their own work. SCULPTURE Support children in understanding that loose parts can be added to the clay to bring sculptures alive. For example; using sticks for a persons arms, lentils for the scales of	possibilities of using simple materials for art expression. Selecting materials for collage will support children in having the opportunity to make independent choices throughout their collage work. SCULPTURE Support children by helping them to make their thinking and learning visible. By adding fine detail to their clay sculptures, thinking of new ideas and what the can do next as an extension on their
		to bring sculptures alive. For example; using sticks for a persons arms, lentils	clay sculptures, thinking of new ideas and what the can do next as an

Physical Skill		ht how to use specific safely. This will include		their use and how
	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT
	Supporting children	Work with children	Support children in	Support children i
	to develop their	in helping them to	making sure that	understanding the
	hand muscles and	paint with long	hand movements	painting involves
	to understand that	handled brushes	are on par with	concentration,
	they can use their	and make	their vision. This will	planning, making
	whole bodies to	sweeping arm	help when refining	choices, problem
	discover and learn	movements across	and combining	solving, evaluatin
	about paint	their paper, to gain	lines and circles to	executing,
	through	grip, strength and	create other	reworking and
	movement.	balance.	geometric shapes	persistence.
	DDA WINIC		like squares,	
	DRAWING	This will help children create	triangles and	
	Support children in	shapes and lines,	rectangles. These	DRAWING
	exploring dry	which will help	shapes can then	
	media; pencils,	them to discover	be used to create	To support childre
	chalk, crayons,	that they are often	familiar objects	in practicing
	charcoals. Wet	able to use them to	and symbols: a	getting shapes ar
	media; ink, textas.	represent	house made from	proportion right
		something.	a square with a	when drawing 2D
	COLLAGE	somorning.	triangle roof	and 3D objects.
	Encourage	DRAWING	DRAWING	Support them in
	children to feel	Provide children		learning how to
	and manipulate	with the tools and	Supporting children	show depth with
	the textures of the	materials to draw	to recognise that	shading, and we
		materiais to araw	they can draw lines	try

collage materials in their hands. Provide them with glue and tools to explore also. SCULPTURE Supporting children to understand that their hands are tools and how they can be used in the exploration of clay by offering free exploration of it in different states	with and encourage them to experiment in mark making. COLLAGE Support children in gaining good control of their fine motor skills when using tools that are needed to assemble their collage ideas. SCULPTURE Work with children to notice the effect of using different	to enclose a space, and to begin to use shapes to represent objects. COLLAGE Adult to model how to use the tools, glue and collage materials to create a composition or design. Giving children the opportunity to copy or to think of their own way in using the	different technique for showing texture and detail. COLLAGE Support children in experimenting with abstract designs. Explain to children what abstract is and what it might look like. Children to then use this knowledge when thinking about how they can manipulate tools and materials to create collage.
can be used in the exploration of clay by offering free exploration of it in	needed to assemble their collage ideas. SCULPTURE Work with children to notice the effect	to create a composition or design. Giving children the opportunity to copy or to think of their own way in	look like. Children to then use this knowledge when thinking about how they can manipulate tools and materials to

				creations. A variety of bases can be used to support new textures.	
Art Processes and Technique	Children are taught to engage with art process from an early age. They encouraged to mix paint to the desired colour, consistency and develop their s understanding different shades. Children have open access to clay and staff h attended training to support them through the 4 stages of working with clay. Children are offered extended periods of time in order to have the space and to develop and explore new ideas across various media and materials, in differ contexts and on different scales, in groups ad individually. They are encourage make plans prior to engaging in creative activities (e.g where they will work what they need including what they are hoping to achieve.)				
	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	PAINT	
	Work with children to explore powder paint and water and what happens when the two are mixed. Painting allows children to explore colours and colour mixing, and use this medium to create meaningful artworks that engage their	Support children in mixing water and paint in sequence – working towards desired effect. DRAWING Support children in understanding that they need to learn through practice and repetition. This will enable their fine motor skills to	Supporting children to competently mix water and power paint in sequence to create desired colour/texture. Support children to plan what they are going to paint, naming their painting and the objects in it before their brush even touches the paper	Encourage children to mix paint with appropriate tools competently using the correct sequence to achieve desired effect. For children to show creative ways of achieving this, for example; trying out different quantities of paint	

Se	enses.	develop further.	DRAWING	using different
	DRAWING	COLLAGE	Supporting	thicknesses of
	JKAWING	COLLAGE	children's	brushes and to
v v	Vork with children	Work with children	understanding of	reflect on their
tc	o explore what	to help them to	shades by showing	work.
ty	ype of	understand that	them how to	DRAWING
te	ool/material	collage is the	create lighter and	DRAWING
С	creates marks and	gluing of materials	darker shades of a	Support children in
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	vhat the marks	to a flat surface.	colour by the	understanding
	ook like and how	Show children that	pressure that you	which tool they
tr	hey can be	they can first lay	apply on the tool.	need to use to
С	changed. Such as	out their collage		create the effect
	mudging	idea before gluing		that they desire.
С	charcoal.	down each	COLLAGE	Encourage
	COLLAGE	individual piece.	COLLAGE	children to use their
		SCULPTURE	Support children in	knowledge and
S	upport children to	SCOLITORE	laying out their	understanding of
b	become fluent in	Show children how	collage art piece,	the tools hat they
e	exploring without	to knead the clay	allow children to	have explored.
tr	he pressure of the	with their fists,	think of their own	COLLAGE
p	product. Adult to	palms and	ideas, to add to	
е	expose children to	fingertips. Explore	their ideas or to	Encourage
d	different collage	how to roll the clay	change something	children to plan
m	naterials time and	and twist and push	if hey are no happy	ahead. To think of
ti	ime again so they	it in different ways	with it.	ideas of what their
	can gain mastery	by hand or by	Adult to work with	collage piece
0	over them. Allow	using everyday	children to	might consist of
	children to explore	objects such as;	understand how	such as; colours
	he tools needed	rolling pins. Explore	much glue is	that they would like
SU	uch as; glue,	different ways of	needed to secure	to use, textures for

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	naterials, glue	moving the clay	the collage pieces,	a purpose, where
bri	rush and paper.	such as; squishing it	how shape can	they can find what
	CULPTURE	with your fingers	create an aspect	they want may it
30	COLFICKE	then rolling it on	of their design and	be materials
Su	upport children in	the table.	to use mathematic	provided or in the
	xploring the clay.		such as 3D collage	natural
	eeling it on their		pieces or to make	environment
	ands and		their college piece	outdoors etc.
	etween their		symmetric using	
			number.	SCULPTURE
	ngers.			Currence where letter wave the
Pro	rovide children		SCULPTURE	Support children in
	ith soft and hard		_	understanding that
	lay to explore.		Encourage	you can create 2D
	ay to explore.		children to	and 3D shapes with
			understand that	the clay. Adults to
			our hands can	model how to
			manipulate the	score the clay
			clay into different	before using water
			shapes. Encourage	to then connect
			children to	parts of clay.
			question; what	_
			does it look like	Encourage
			when it's rolled? A	children to think
			snake, a twig, a	purposely and
			worm? Provide	begin to create the
			children with tools	ideas that they
			to sculpt with.	come up with.

The principles and intent of linked to Designing and Making

- EXPLORE- experiment and build with a range of construction resources, find out about the properties and functions of different construction materials
- DESIGN-talk about ideas, choose resources, tools and techniques with a purpose in mind
- MAKE- make models using different construction materials, e.g construction kits, reclaimed materials, experiment with different ways to build, construct and join resources.
- EVALUATE- talk about what they like/dislike about their models/constructions, say why and how they could change them
- TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT- use equipment and tools to build, construct and make simple models and constructions; use tools and equipment linked to food preparation
- SAFETY- handle and use equipment appropriately and safely

DESIGNING AND MAKING

INTENT

	l am exploring materials and beginning to experiment in constructing them together.	I am investigating different ways to fix things together and use tools appropriately and safely.	I am able to follow a simple plan to create a model using tools and resources effectively.	I am confident in creating models, selecting my resources appropriately and able to amend and adapt my plan as challenges arise.
Explore	Explores construction kits and resources through experimentation and 'having a go'. Explore how objects are made and work by interacting with the parts.	Explore ways that construction kits join by connecting and disconnecting and trying to connect with different methods and materials. Explore objects and parts in more detail	Use resources purposefully and makes connections between materials and how they can be used to build and join. Begin to understand how things are made and constructed	Think how materials could be used for certain tasks and understand which materials would suit the purpose. Considers why things work and how they could be done differently. Offer ideas about why things are constructed in a certain way.
Design	Explore maps and instructions	Begin to share ideas and communicate	Experiment with drawing plans or sharing ideas with	Try out ideas for which material would be best and

		these.	others	Create own plans
			Draw pictures of their models. Talk about key features Talk about what they need to make their model	Design and construct a simple model.
Make	Explore materials used for constructing and resources used to construct	Start to connect pieces together and try different ways that this may work.	Make models Follow simple plan to make a model Play with models they have made	Amend or alter models where necessary Share models with others and incorporate into group play Construct with a purpose in mind Work collaboratively in pairs or a group
Evaluate	Share their work by showing others	Communicate feelings of how they feel about their construction through facial expressions and emotions.	Talk about what they liked/disliked	Say what hoped to happen and reflect on how they could change it next time.

Tools and Equipment	Explore tools such as	Try different tool	Safely use tools	Choose tools
	scissors, modeling	use		correct for job and
	tools , food			use safely.
	preparation tools			
	through open ended			
	activities in the			
	environment.			
Safety	Handle tools safely	Begin to use tools	Use tools safely	Considers which
	with full support.	independently	and for the	tools would be best
		with guidance	correct purpose	to use and shared
				understanding of
				how to use them
				safely.

DESIGNING AND MAKING

IMPLEMENTATION

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Explore	Opportunity to explore and investigate a range of construction kits/r include resources which allow children to explore, pull apart, build, o assemble and dis-assemble. Experience, explore and investigate other objects to look closely at been made, e.g watches, cereal packets etc				
	explore resources such as ribbon, glue, string sellotape etc.	Adult to encourage the children to use their senses in order to explore how these resources can be used and manipulated. For example; how different resources can be joined.	Encourage children to observe the properties of different materials whilst exploring. Support them in beginning to look closer and notice textures of the resources and for them to understand how	Adult to encourage children to plan ahead by thinking of what materials they need to use to create their desired effect. Encourage children to use resources purposefully to join	

			they can be used.	and to amend.
Design	Make choices and se	elect own materials a	nd resources	
	Support children to develop imaginative thinking to enable them to talk about what they like and dislike when designing. Support children in becoming more discovering.	Adult to provide maps and instructions and designs for children to explore in more depth. Adult to model how maps and designs can be read.	Encourage children to open up their minds to anything, such as; going to the cinema, films, parks, zoo's etc. Support children with interaction between their head and their head and their hand. Encourage children to talk about how things work, what they need to make their model and to attempt to draw pictures/plans that model their ideas discussing key features.	Adult to support children in creating their own plans. Helping children understand the tools needed to do this such as a ruler, pencil and mathematical skills. Encourage children to then try out their ideas created in the plans adjusting where needed.
Make	To use materials to c	onstruct, amend and	alter models using ow	n ideas.
	Provide children with the opportunities and the chance to explore make links	Adult to provide a wide range of open-ended resources for children to use,	Encourage children to select appropriate tools and techniques for making a product,	Support children in developing precision in their construction techniques and to

	and create.	including; recycled materials and loose parts.	whilst following safe procedures; using the tool correctly.Encourage children to use their models in group play.	use adventurous materials as they share and develop their ideas. Encourage children to share their models with others.	
Evaluate	Encourage children to share their work with their peers by showing them what they have done. Provide a space for children to leave their work, a safe place where they can collect it if they wish to return to it.	To foster enjoyment, satisfaction and purpose in designing and making. Support children in communicating how they feel their project went using emotions.	Support children in sharing with others their likes and dislikes. Encourage reflection.	Encourage children to think about what they could possibly do next time. Allow them time to think of new solutions to problems that occurred the first time.	
Tools and Equipment		To use tools and equipment for a safely and for a purpose.			
	Introduce children to different tools used in design and making such as; - Scissors	Allow children the time to explore the tools in order to become familiar with the tools.	Support children in learning about how they can cut and join materials, and to recognise and decide whether or not	Encourage children to choose certain tools needed for a particular effect. Provide scissors	

	 Glue Inks/ watercolours/acr ylics/paints Sellotape Modelling tools Hole puncher 	to create what they want by using the tools provided. Use open-ended questions to encourage them, such as, "What would happen if?"'	different materials are fit for their purpose. Encourage tool safety. Support children in understanding that tools should be used safely such as; when using scissors to have a clear direction it where the scissors are cutting and making sure they are cutting away from their fingers.	and resources to fix items together, such as tape, glue, string, ribbon, and perhaps malleable materials such as clay or playdough. Adult to consider other tools that could be introduced to the children to enable them to engineer their designs
Safety	Recognise and imple Support children in learning the necessary skills to handle tools, equipment and materials safely and effectively.	Provide children with junk-modelling resources that are clean, not toxic, or sharp to enable safe exploration.	t is used safely. Support children in beginning to recognise how some objects can be sharper than others such as the rim of a tin or how wood can have splinters.	Encourage children to support one another when using the tools and materials.

Key principles and intent linked to Music

- LISTEN TO- sounds in the environment, vocal sounds, instrumental sounds, matching, sorting and reproducing sounds
- RHYTHM- follow steady beat or pulse, follow rhythm and patterns
- MOVEMENT- in response to music, beat, rhythm
- SINGING-familiar songs, chants, activities which develop the voice as a sound maker
- MAKING MUSIC- using voice, objects, home made and real musical instruments and a range of ICT

MUSIC

INTENT

	I am exploring different sounds within my environment and experimenting using my whole body to create new sounds.	I am exploring the beat of music and learning how to play different instruments. I have some favourite songs and like to share these with others.	I am able to identify and tap to rhythms I hear, I can use instruments appropriately and know their names and show awareness of songs and instruments from different cultures.	I am able to differentiate between different sounds and how they differ. I can create and record my own music, sounds and songs.
Listen to	Explore sounds within the environment.	Engage in listening to how different musical instruments sound.	Identify the difference between vocal and instruments sounds.	To listen carefully to how sounds can differ and change.
Rhythm	Explore rhythm, discover what it is and how it can be changed and altered.	Begins to understand what a 'beat' is and how to follow it.	To tap out a simple repeated rhythm. To use 'beats' and 'tempo' purposefully.	Create rhythm through patterns in art. Interlink sounds with art.
Movement	Engage in understanding how to move whole body.	To explore and join in with creative	Begin to understand different ways of movement.	Shows competence in moving in time

		movement.		to music creating rhythm whilst sharing experiences with others.
Singing	Explore singing familiar songs such as; nursery rhymes.	Recognise songs and begin to join in with verses of familiar rhymes.	Build a repertoire of songs. Show awareness and appreciation for music, songs, and rhymes from different cultures.	Creates and record own music, sounds and voices. Begin to perform with others.
Making Music	Begin to explore sounds by using instruments and voices and share and talk about sounds that they have made.	Discover how by using tools and equipment music can be made.	Allow children to become creative in exploring making music. Experiment with sound and how it can be changed.	Become involved in making music and performing with others.

MUSIC

IMPLEMENTATION

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Listen to	Sounds in the environment, vocal sounds, instrumental sounds, matching, sorting and reproducing sounds			
	with the opportunity to listen to the natural sounds within their environment indoors and outdoors.	Provide children with different musical instruments to explore and make connections with different sounds such as: - Shakers - Drum - Rainmaker - Hand bells - Claves	experimenting with vocal and instrumental sounds by showing them how to create and explore vocal effects such as growling, squeaking, which arises ato	 Widen children's knowledge by encouraging language such as; That was a long sound, lets see if we can hear a short sound. Is that a wooden or metallic sound? Does it sound loud or is it a

	Follow steady beat c	As well as music to listen to with different tempo and speed. or pulse, follow rhythm	bang on different surface materials such as ; wood, plastic and metal to explore sound differences. and pattern.	 quiet sound? Listen to how the sound is fast and how some sounds are slow. Is it a high or low pitch sound?
Rhythm	Explore movements and actions. Adult to demonstrate how to synchronise with music such as: - Clapping hands - Stomping feet - Beating objects Talk about how rhythm is in the environment such as; the sound of a clock ticking. Explore language such as; beat, tempo, notes etc.	Adult to demonstrate how to maintain a beat such as clapping out syllables in names to enable children to develop a good sense of rhythm which serves as basic pillar in learning to play piano or any other instrument. Beat in accurate terms is the pulse of any music.	Support children in beginning to understand that 'tempo' is the speed at which a particular music needs to be placed. Encourage children to understand that rhythm is how beats are played, what notes are played and at what speed.	Adult to provide drawings or pictures with patterns that are used repeatedly. This is known as rhythm patterns in art. Adult to discuss how shapes, stripes, and colours repeat in the art. Encourage children to create rhythmic art whilst also thinking about the sound they are creating.
Movement In response to music, beat, rhythm.				
	Encourage children to explore movement with	Allow children to explore movement with tools using	Support children in Initiating and creating	Encourage children to share their experiences

	 their whole bodies: Moving from side to side Jumping up and down Spinning around Reaching high and crouching low Moving forwards and backwards Discover language of movement. 	them purposefully. Provide long and short ribbon. Adult to demonstrate how the ribbon can be moved; waving it from side to side, spinning it around in circles, creating wiggly motions etc.	movement independently in response to different tempo's of music. Encourage them to move rhythmically and in time with the beat or motion of the music. Encourage children to observe and participate in dance with others, in pairs and as a group, with both adults and peers.	with others, collaborating their ideas using movement and music in unison. Help children to think more deeply about their experience sand response to music. Encourage them to reflect different moods and begin to express moods and feelings through dance.
Singing	Familiar songs, chan Provide children with opportunities to cooperate in familiar singing games, action songs, and movement to music. Adult to model singing for children to enable them to see how the mouth moves, the way	ts, activities which dev Support children in learning new songs and remembering familiar songs. Adult to introduce changing familiar songs to create new songs by changing the lyrics. Talk about how their voice is a musical instrument.	Encourage children to play around with words that rhyme and how they can use those words to create their own song. Introduce concepts such as fast and slow, loud and quiet to high and low.	Continue to repeat familiar songs to strengthen the memory. Support children in developing patience as they devote time getting to grips with a tune and lyrics. Adult to support children in

Making Music	the adult breathes and to listen to pitch and tone of songs.Using voice, objects,	home made and rea	Give children time to practice different sounds and pitches so that they can discover.	performing together others in a variety of musical ways and develop awareness of having an audience.
	Begin to explore sounds by using instruments and voices and share and talk about sounds that they have made. Support children in understanding how to handle and play musical instruments.	Support children in discovering how by using tools and equipment music can be made. For example: Using tissue boxes, shoe boxes without the lids or fruit punnets to create a string-type instrument. Use the box for the base of the instrument and take four to six rubber bands. Wrap the rubber bands around the base, the long way, and make sure there is space between the rubber bands.	Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity when thinking about the instrument to make. Adult to demonstrate artistry and storytelling through music and instruments. Allow children to become creative making their own links to sounds, music and instruments. Adult to provide ICT equipment such as; CD players, I-pad's, microphones and	Support children in becoming involved in making music and performing with others. The sense of achievement that comes from performing a song brings a sense of self-worth and satisfaction. Anticipation can be a key aspect of music, for example; listening to hear what is going to happen next as a piece of music builds. Encourage children to think how they can add their own music.