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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.

Educational Programme – Physical Development

Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence

| | Before starting reception, children should be able to... | During reception, the children will learn to... | By the end of reception, children should be able to... |
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| Expressive art and design | <p>Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. • Join different materials and explore different textures. • 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. • Explore colour and colour mixing. • Show different emotions in their drawings – happiness, sadness, fear etc | <p>Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. • Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. | <p>Creating with Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| Physical development | <p>Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. • Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors • Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. | <p>Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.</p> | <p>Fine Motor Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| Understanding the World | | | <p>The Natural World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. |

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Transition from Reception to Y1

| Relevant Early Learning Goals | Y1 National Curriculum Objective |
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| <p>Expressive Arts and Design: Creating with Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>Physical Development: Fine Motor Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing | <p>Pupils should be taught</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.• To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.• To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.• About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the difference and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work. |