

Progression of Skills – Art

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

	EYFS	EYFS Framework Children at the expected level of development will:	Year 1	Year 2	End of key stage expectation
Generating Ideas	Can I talk about my ideas and explore different ways to record them using a range of media?	● Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.	Can I explore my own ideas using a range of media?	Can I begin to generate ideas from a wider range of stimuli, exploring different media and techniques?	To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop
Sketch- books	Can I experiment in an exploratory way?	ELG: 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.	Can I use sketchbooks to explore ideas?	Can I experiment in sketchbooks, using drawing to record ideas? Can I use sketchbooks to help make decisions about what to try out next?	and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
Making skills (including	Can I use a range of drawing materials, art application techniques,	ELG: Expressive Arts and design: Creating with materials	Can I develop some control when using a wide range of tools to draw,	Can I further demonstrate increased	To use a range of materials creatively



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formal	mixed-media scraps and	Safely use and explore a	paint and create crafts	control with a greater	to design and make	
elements	modelling materials to	variety of materials, tools	and sculptures?	range of media?	products.	
	create child-led art with	and techniques,				
	no set outcome?	experimenting with colour,	Can I make choices about	Can I make choices about	To develop a wide	
		design, texture, form and	which materials to use to	which materials and	range of art and	
	Can I cut, thread, join	function. ELG: Physical	create an effect?	techniques to use to	design techniques in	
	and manipulate	development: Fine motor		create an effect?	using colour, pattern,	
	materials safely,	skills:	Can I explore and analyse		texture, line, shape,	
	focussing on process	 Hold a pencil effectively in 	a wider variety of ways to	Can I use hands and tools	form and space	
	over outcome?	preparation for fluent	join and fix materials in	with confidence when		
		writing – using the tripod	place?	cutting, shaping and		
	Can I begin to develop	grip in almost all cases;		joining paper, card and		
	observational skills (for	 Use a range of small tools, 	Can I develop	malleable materials?		
	example, by using	including scissors, paint	observational skills to look			
	mirrors to include the	brushes and cutlery;	closely and reflect surface	Can I develop		
	main features of faces)?	Begin to show accuracy	texture?	observational skills to		
		and care when drawing.		look closely and aim to		
				reflect some of the formal elements of art		
				(colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and		
				space) in their work?		
	Can I enjoy looking at	ELG: Speaking	Can I describe similarities	Can I talk about art I have	About the work of a	
	and talking about art?	 Participate in small group, 	and differences between	seen using some	range of artists, craft	
	and talking about art:	class and one-to-one	practices in Art and	appropriate subject	makers and	
	Can I recognise that	discussions, offering their	design, e.g. between	vocabulary?	designers, describing	
	artists create varying	own ideas, using recently	painting and sculpture,	vocabalary.	the differences and	
Knowledge	types of art and use lots	introduced vocabulary.	and link these to their	Can I create work from a	similarities between	
of artists	of different types of	,	own work?	brief, understanding that	different practices	
	materials?			artists are sometimes	and disciplines, and	
			Can I understand how	commissioned to create	making links to their	
	Can I recognise that		artists choose materials	art?	own work?	
	artists can be inspired		based on their properties			
	by many things?					



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			in order to achieve certain	Can I create and critique	
			effects?	both figurative and	
				abstract art, recognising	
				some of the techniques	
				used?	
				Can I apply my own	
				understanding of art	
				materials learnt from	
				artist work to begin	
				purposefully choosing	
				materials for a specific	
				effect?	
Evaluating	Can I talk about my	ELG: Expressive Arts and	Can I describe and	Can I explain my ideas	
and	artwork, stating what I	design: Creating with	compare features of my	and opinions about my	
analysing	feel I did well?	materials.	own and others' artwork?	own and others' artwork,	
,		 Share their creations, 		beginning to recognise	
	Can I say if I like an	explaining the process they	Can I evaluate art with an	the stories and messages	
	artwork or not and	have used.	understanding of how art	within in and showing an	
	begin to form opinions		can be varied and made in	understanding of why	
	by explaining why?		different ways and by	they may have made it?	
			different people?	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
				Can I begin to talk about	
				how I could improve my	
				own work. Talk about	
				how art is made?	