



Prior Knowledge in Nursery

Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.

Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.
Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.

Explore different materials freely, in order 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.

Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.

Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc.

Explore colour and mixing

Reception Statements

Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.

Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

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.

Early Learning Goals

Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.

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.



The unit of work

Have a go at using different materials and tools
Choose to explore resources in the continuous provision
Start to explore colour mixing using water colour palettes

Use tools for a purpose with increased confidence
Use scissors effectively during collage and box construction
use fine brushes to create range of marks
colour
mix colours, understand simple colour mixing

Colour mixing
Know how to use primary colours to make green, orange, purple
Have a go at mixing colours to match hair and skin colour
Explore making colours lighter and darker

Vocabulary

Brush	paint
mix	palette
dip	colour names
easel	
Light	
Dark	
Shade	

EQUIPMENT

Thick and thin paint brushes
Different sizes of paper
Paint palettes
Water pots
Powder paint
Water colours
Poster paint

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