EYFS Statutory Framework- Expressive Art and Design

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.

Links to Art Curriculum

Creating with Materials	Additional St Benet's stepping stones to challenge:
Children at the expected level of development will.	-Used and explore techniques, beginning to select the best one for an intended purpose.
-Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour,	-Begin to use colour, design, form, function and texture to create an intended effect.
design, texture, form and function.	-Specifically select props and appreciate materials that support with role-play.
-Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	-Use small tools with more precision and with purpose.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Nursery	Line,shape,form -To begin creating lines, shapes/forms i.e. drawing a circle for a face -To create drawings that show their emotions Colour -To be introduced to the mixing of primary colours to understand that colours change when mixed. -To notice that white paint when added will lighten colours. -To decide why they are selecting colours (for purpose) Use of tools -To select materials from a range provided.	Line,Shape,Form -To create lines and simple shapes to create more recognisable forms e.g. vehicles/home Colour -To use materials and colours to represent different parts of the form. -To mix primary colours -To know materials have different textures. -To identify and use different patterns and textures are combined for purpose. Use of Tools -To select materials for design purpose (to represent specific items.)	Line, Shape and Form -To create lines and simple shapes to create more recognisable forms e.g. bodies Colour -To mix colours for different purposes. -To know how to hold scissors and use appropriately. Use of Tools -To select materials for design purposes (to represent specific items) beginning to use fine manipulatives.
Reception	Line, Shape, Form -To create lines and simple shapes to create more recognisable forms e.g. ovals for faces Colour -To explore using different paint types -To begin to add detail with paint i.e. for features of face -To create secondary colours -To begin creating shades of brown and green Cultural influences -To explore and create from imagination and real life experiences Use of Tools -Use brushes of varying thickness -Use different media to create texture.	Line, Shape, Form -To create lines and simple shapes to create more recognisable forms. Colour -To begin creating shades of brown and green. -To use brushes of varying thickness (particularly fine brushes for detail) - To use different media to create pattern and texture for specific detail e.g. pattern in leaves. -To start combining colours in different ways – creating shades. Cultural Influences -To explore and create from imagination and real-life experiences. Use of Tools -To select varying media for drawing, painting and sculpting (with prompting) e.g. oil pastels, clay	Line, Shape, Form -To create lines and simple shapes to create more recognisable forms e.g. begin to add detail to recognisable forms e.g. bodies and animals. Colour -To use bright/dull colours -To create a range of shades Cultural Influences -To recognise some cultural influences and use as inspiration for their art e.g. famous artists – widening personal knowledge (taking inspiration from children's interests- looking more closely at shapes and form) Use of Tools -To select varying media for drawing, painting, printing and sculpting e.g. oil pastels clay.

Links to DT Curriculum

-To know that their design may need to change.

Creating with Materials	Additional St Benet's stepping stones to challenge:
Children at the expected level of development will:	-Use and explore techniques, beginning to select the best one for an intended purpose:
-Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design,	-Begin to use colour, design, form, function and texture to create an intended effect.
texture, form and function.	-Specifically select props and appropriate materials that support with role-play.
-Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	-Use small tools with more precision with purpose.

Birth to Three	Three to Four	Reception
Expressive Art and Design -Explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate themManipulate and play with different materialsUse their imagination as they consider what they can do with different materials. Physical -Build independently with a range of appropriate resourcesDevelop manipulation and controlExplore different materials and tools.	Expressive Art and Design -Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park. -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 express them. -Join different materials and explore different textures. Physical -Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. -Show a preference for a dominant hand.	Expressive Art and Design -Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. -Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources, and skills. Physical -Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely, and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks, and spoons.

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	To transform materials.	Each term focuses on a different focus area/ material, however staff may change order based on pupil interest. Design -Choose colours and shapes to make objects. Make -Make 2D and 3D modelsUse a range of joining materials. Technical Knowledge -To know properties of different joining materials. Evaluate -Describe if they are happy with their product.	Each term focuses on a different focus/ area, however staff may change the order based on pupil interest. Design -To plan the shape of finished item Make -Add colour to mouldable materials. -Use tools to sculpt. Technical Knowledge -Know some materials can be moulded Evaluate -Describe if they are happy with their product
Doction	Technical Knowledge	Each term focuses on a different focus area/material, however staff may change order based on pupil interest. Design -To design a product based on inspiration from real life. Make -To select colours to represent different parts of a product. -To use joining materials of different strengths. Technical Knowledge -To know how to combine different materials. Evaluate -Evaluate their product using words such as strong weak.	Each term focuses on a different focus area/material, however staff may change order based on pupil interest. Design -To design a product based on inspiration from real life or imagination. Make -To mould materials into different shapes. -To add colour to mouldable materials. Technical Knowledge -To know tools that are used to sculpt Evaluate -Change designs to improve them

Links to Music Curriculum

Being Imaginative and Expressive	Additional St Benet's Stepping Stones to challenge	
Children at the expected level of development will:	Children will begin to:	
-Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher	-take part in singing, accurately following the melody.	
-Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.	-Follow instructions on how and when to sing to play an instrument.	
-Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stores with others, and – when	-Make and control long and short sounds, using voice and instruments.	
appropriate- try to move in time with music	-Create a sequence of long and short sounds.	
	-Clap rhythms.	
	-Create a mixture of different sounds (long and short, loud and quiet, high and low)	
	-Choose sounds to create an overall effect.	
	-Create short, musical patterns and rhythmic phrases.	

Birth to Three	Three to Four	Reception
Expressive Arts and Design -Show attention to sounds and music -Respond emotionally and physically to music when it changesMove and dance to music. Anticipate phrases and actions in rhymes and songsExplore their voices and enjoy making some soundsJoin in with songs and rhymes, making some soundsMake rhythmical and repetitive soundsExplore a range of sound makers and instruments and play them in different waysEnjoy and take part in action songs, such as 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'	Expressive Arts and Design -Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noisesListen with increased attention to soundsRespond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelingsRemember and sing entire songsSing the pitch of a tune snug by another person (pitch match) -Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songsCreate their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.	Expressive Arts and Design -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.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Nursery	Listen and Respond -Listen to sounds in the local school environment. Perform -Join in with familiar songs -Perform in worships and celebrations e.g. Harvest, Nativity Explore and create/compose -Use voice to create different soundsGain sounds from un tuned percussion instruments.	Listen and Respond -Listen to sounds in the local environment Perform -Join in with familiar songs -Perform in worships and celebrations Explore and create/compose -Use voice to create different sounds -Use un tuned percussion to keep a rhythm -Used un tuned percussion to produce sounds and keep a beatUse signals to start and stop	Listen and respond -Listen to sounds in the local school environment -Sing familiar songs from memory -Know the names of some percussion instruments. Perform -Perform in worships and celebrations Explore and create/ compose -Use voice to create sounds and rhythms -Use un tuned and tuned percussion to keep rhythm.
Reception	Listen and respond -To make movements in response to music -To listen to sounds in the wider school environment and comparing high and low sounds Perform -To sing songs to retell stories -Perform in worships and celebrations e.g. Harvest, Nativity Explore and create/compose -Use un-tuned percussion to produce sounds -Use voice to produce a number of different sounds	Listen and Respond -To notice changes of tempo Perform -Perform in worships and celebrations Explore and create/compose -Use body percussion to accompany a rhythm and keep the beat e.g. clap -To experiment with sounds -To represent feelings using tuned percussion	Listen and respond -To notice changes of tempo Perform -Perform in worships and celebrations -To build a full repertoire of songs Explore and create/compose -Use body percussion to accompany a rhythm and keep the beat e.g. clap -Use un-tuned percussion to play songs we sing