

Ashtree Primary School and Nursery Medium Term Plan for Art

EYFS - Nursery - Painting

Key Vocabulary

Gross Motor, Push, Pull, Fine motor, grip, pick and flick, paint, paintbrush, colours, red, yellow, blue, mixing

Key Knowledge

Children can be taught key knowledge by following the steps below:

Physical Development Steps

1. Can use large paintbrushes, brooms, spades, push and pull toys to develop gross motor skills in hands and arms
2. Can squeeze, roll, tear and pinch to develop tripod grip and fine motor skills
3. Can use the pick and flick method for holding pencils, pens, crayons, chalk
4. Can hold drawing medium (paintbrush/paint dabber) with some control using a full grip.

Expressive Arts and Design Steps

1. Notices different colours in the environment
2. Can sort objects by colour
3. Can name primary colours (red, yellow, blue)
4. Children to experience mixing colours and noticing change happening

Key Skills

Development Matters 2020 – Three & Four Year Olds

Physical Development

- Use large-muscle movements to make marks.
- Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore colour and colour mixing.

Curriculum Enhancements

Possible Misconceptions

That nursery children already know how to hold tools correctly

That nursery children can focus on creative tasks without adult input and adult facilitation – It shouldn't just be left to CIL

That all nursery children will enjoy working with art/messy materials – this needs to be taught and allowed to develop

Suggested Activities

This will lead to . . .

Development Matters 2020 – Reception

Physical Development

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

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

ELG – Fine Motor Skills

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, paint brushes and cutlery; - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing

ELG – Creating with Materials

Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function;