

The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Art and Design in the EYFS Framework



Expressive arts and design educational programme (taken from the EYFS Framework 2021)

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.

EYFS - Expressive Arts and Design

ELG Creating with materials

- 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.

EYFS – Physical development

ELG Fine Motor Skills

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

In Foundation Stage children:

- Have daily access to a range of media and materials e.g. different types of paper, varying thickness/hardness of pencils, thick and thin brushes, paint, paint sticks, pastels etc. in continuous provision.
- Are taught different techniques such as drawing, painting, printing, collage, which they can then practise independently.
- Explore colour-mixing through our 'self-service' paint stations.
- Learn about Jackson Pollack and draw/paint in his style.