

EYFS skills progression- nursery



The long-term plan below evidences when the specific areas of skills development are taught discretely. Throughout the year, the continuous provision will be carefully planned and resources to ensure that the skills taught discretely are secured and mastered.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Motor	Printing and drawing	Cutting and collage
Painting	Malleable	Sand and water

Motor skills progression

Children in nursery will be learning too...



1. Use core muscles to move around in different ways
2. Use their core muscles to balance.
3. Use a shoulder pivot to lift, carry, reach up and climb.
4. Use an elbow pivot to stir, wave an object, push and pull.
5. Use a wrist pivot to use tools and mark make.

6. Choose and use different tools and resources for own purposes.

Painting skills progression

Children in nursery will be learning too...



5. Paint a simple representation of a person or animal.

3. Make repeated brush strokes in one direction.

1. Paint with water using large brushes on different textured surfaces, horizontally and vertically.

6. Choose and use different painting tools and techniques for own purposes.

4. Paint a range of marks, lines and circles. Give meaning to own marks.

2. Paint using chunky brushes and different paint colours.

Printing skills progression

Children in nursery will be learning too...



5. Print using later, solid objects and paint.

3. Print using stamps and ink.

1. Print using hands and paint.

6. Choose and use simple printing tools and techniques to create own pictures.

4. Print using sponges and paint.

2. Print using stamper pens.

Drawing skills progression

Children in nursery will be learning too...



5. Make representations of people, animals or objects, adding colour and simple details.

3. Use lines to enclose spaces to make simple representations of people.

1. Use chunky crayons, chinks and pens and pencils to make marks.

6. Choose and use different mark making tools and techniques for own purposes.

4. Use colour to fill in enclosed spaces.

2. Use chunky crayons, chinks, pens and pencils to draw lines and circles.

Malleable skills progression

Children in nursery will be learning too...



5. Use hands to roll playdough into a sausage shape.

3. Use cutters to cut large, simple shapes out of flattened dough.

1. Use hands to flatten playdough.

6. Choose and use different playdough tools and techniques for own purposes.

4. Use tools to make simple marks in flattened playdough.

2. Use a rolling pin to flatten playdough.