

ART SKILLS PROGRESSION NURSERY





Autumn Term



2 year olds

- Explore nature materials inside and outside.
- Explore paint, using fingers and other parts of their bodies as well as brushes and other tools.

3-4 year olds

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



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Spring Term



2 year olds

- Notice patterns with strong contrasts and be attracted by patterns resembling the human face.
- Start to make marks intentionally.
- Explore paint, using fingers and other parts of their bodies as well as brushes and other tools.
- Express ideas and feelings through making marks, and sometimes give a meaning to the marks they make.

3-4 year olds

- I can use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.
- Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear etc.
- Explore colour and colour-mixing.



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Summer Term



2 year olds

- Express ideas and feelings through making marks, and sometimes give a meaning to the marks they make.
- Explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials.
- Develop manipulation and control.
- Explore different materials and tools.

3-4 year olds

- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
- Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
- Show a preference for a dominant hand.