

Early Years Progression

for Artistic Skills and Knowledge



The teaching of artistic skills and knowledge begins in Early Years at Longhoughton CE Primary School as part of the Expressive Art and Design curriculum. Alongside this progression grid, effective communication and language skills are an essential part of artistic development for our youngest learners.

Nursery	Reception
Making	
Use a range of materials for a purpose and create a collage	Experiment with a variety of media to explore texture and form
To develop own ideas and then decide which materials/tools needed to use to express them	
Thinking and having ideas	
To communicate the meaning of their creations	Work collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills
	When working creatively begin to adapt and refine ideas
Drawing and Painting	
Create closed shapes with continuous lines, using these to represent objects	Begin to explore form by experimenting with lines of different thickness using a pencil and other tools
Begin to show emotion in drawings and paintings e.g. happiness and sadness	Work imaginatively by choosing artistic effects to express ideas and reflect feelings
Draw with increasing complexity and detail e.g representing the features on a face	Use drawing skills to tell a story and communicate ideas and feelings
Use drawing to represent ideas like movement e.g. fireworks in the sky	
Exploring colour	
Choose colours for a purpose	Begin to know how to darken and lighten the shade of colour
Begin exploring colour and colour mixing when painting	Begin to name cold and warm colours
	Choose and use colour for a purpose, explaining the reason for choice