

Expressive Art & Design



Pablo Picasso

Intent:

At York Road we want our children to have the skills and confidence to believe they are an artist. Children should have the opportunity to explore the world, use their imaginations, be creative and have fun. Children are always praised and their work is valued.

Art is used to inspire and is linked to other areas of the curriculum such as understanding the world, maths, literacy, physical development and also speech and language.

Implementation:

In accordance with the EYFS curriculum we aim to ensure that our resources, ideas and activities are split into 3 areas:

Imagination and creativity

We encourage role play, music, pretend play, playing with blocks, loose parts, sand, water, paint, small world play and much more.

We are keen to support the children to make music by using various media. A pan can make a brilliant drum and a wooden spoon dragged across the fence makes a fantastic xylophone sound. The nursery encourages the children to listen to music from all around the world and invites professionals into the setting to demonstrate a broad

range of lovely unique sounds. The impact of this is to make the children more culturally aware.

The nursery also encourages the children to listen and take part in nursery rhymes, allowing them to take on the role of the characters, encouraging them to be expressive and imaginative.

We have a list of quality core books and nursery rhymes that we promote every term that help build the children's ability to explore, be active and concentrate. They also help build a sense of achievement, develop critical thinking skills, an ability to make links and are a stepping-stone to the children having their own ideas.

Through these experiences we encourage communication, confidence and endless opportunities for our children to use their imaginations, be inspired and willing to have a go.

Self-expression

Children will learn to use many different techniques such as painting, drawing, mark making, clay modelling and various craft skills.

Through construction and modelling various craft materials children learn to develop ideas and develop their thinking process. It allows them to express their thoughts, actions and ideas in different ways.

Children become confident in using a range of different materials and in this way become more skilful in expressing themselves.

This area of learning will help children with English as an additional language or for those that have limited communication skills.

Communicating through arts

This area supports children's wellbeing and reduces anxiety. Children learn to represent themselves, their ideas and thoughts through exploring. Children can even express their feelings through dance.

Inclusion:

At York Road we have created an environment where every child feels included, encouraged and valued. We ensure that the activities are motivating, challenging and caters for children's learning needs.

Impact:

As well as having fun and learning, we hope the children will develop a love and understanding of expressive art and design and be able to take the knowledge and skills with them on their onward journey.

