



	Art Progression Tracker				
	Skills				
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Drawing	 Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding drawing materials such as, pens and pencils. Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Begin to 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. 	 Use a range of drawing materials such as pencils, chalk, felt tips and wax crayons. Work on a range of materials of different textures (eg. playground, bark). Begin to develop observational skills by using mirrors to include the main features of faces in their drawings. 	 Use a range of drawing materials such as pencils, chalk, charcoal, pastels, felt tips and pens. Develop observational skills to look closely and reflect surface texture through markmaking. To explore mark making using a range of tools; being able to create a diverse and purposeful range of marks through experimentation building skills and vocabulary. 	 Further develop mark-making within a greater range of media, demonstrating increased control. Develop observational skills to look closely and reflect surface texture through mark-making. Experiment with drawing on different surfaces, and begin to explore tone using a variety of pencil grade (HB, 2B, 4B) to show form, drawing light/dark lines, patterns and shapes. 	
Painting & Mixed Media	 Explore colour and colour mixing · Explore different textures through sensory and messy play · Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Explore a range of different printing materials. 	 Explore paint including different application methods (fingers, splatter, natural materials, paintbrushes.) Use different forms of 'paint' such as mud and puddles, creating a range of artwork both abstract and figurative. Use mixed-media scraps to create child-led artwork with no specific outcome. 	 Experiment with paint, using a wide variety of tools (eg brushes, sponges, fingers) to apply paint to a range of different surfaces. Apply knowledge of primary and secondary colours when colour mixing, with a range of media. Play with combinations of materials to create simple collage effects. Select materials based on their properties, eg shiny, soft. 	 Begin to develop some control when painting, applying knowledge of colour and how different media can be manipulated eg adding water to thin paint, using different tools to create texture. Create a range of secondary colours by using different amounts of each starting colour or adding water. Make choices about which materials to use for collage based on colour, texture, shape and pattern. Experiment with overlapping and layering materials to create interesting effects. 	





Craft & Design	 Discussing what they have produced and how they made it. Verbally explain what they will make and how they will make it. Explore cutting and joining with materials. 	 Design something and stick to the plan when making. Cut, thread, join and manipulate materials with instruction and support, focusing on process over outcome. 	 Able to select materials, colours and textures to suit ideas and purposes. Begin to develop skills such as measuring materials, cutting, knotting, plaiting, weaving and adding decoration. Apply knowledge of a new craft technique to make fibre art. 	 Respond to a simple design brief with a range of ideas. Apply skills in cutting, arranging and joining a range of materials to include card, felt and cellophane. Follow a plan for a making process, modifying and correcting things and knowing when to seek advice.
Sculpture & 3D	 Explore joining different materials in different ways. Make enclosures and create spaces using various construction materials using their imagination. Explore shaping and joining materials such as, salt dough and clay. Arranging objects in spatial patterns when building, collaging or playing with loose parts. 	 Push, pull and twist a range of modelling materials to affect the shape. Create child-led 3D forms from natural materials. Join materials in different ways e.g. using sticky tape to attach materials, making simple joins when modelling with playdough. 	 Use their hands to manipulate a range of modelling materials, including paper and card Explore how to join and fix materials in place. Create 3D forms to make things from their imagination or recreate things they have seen. 	 Develop understanding of sculpture to construct and model simple forms. Use hands and tools with confidence when cutting, shaping and joining paper, card and malleable materials. Develop basic skills for shaping and joining clay, including exploring surface texture
		Art Theory (formal elements	& art movements)	
Colour	 Know that different colours can be used n art. Know that colours change when two or more are mixed together. 	 Know the names of a wide range of colours. Know that colours can be mixed to make new colours. 	 Know that the primary colours are red, yellow and blue. Know that primary colours can be mixed to make secondary colours: Red + yellow = orange Yellow + blue = green Blue + red = purple 	 Know that different amounts of paint and water can be used to mix hues of secondary colours. Know that colours can be mixed to 'match' real life objects or to create things from your imagination. Know that colour can be used to show how it feels to be in a particular place, eg the seaside

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Line	Know that lines are used for mark-making.	 Know that lines can be curved or straight and described in simple terms such as: wiggly,' 'straight,' 'round'. 	 Know that drawing tools can be used in a variety of ways to create different lines. Know that lines can represent movement in drawings. 	Know that lines can be used to fill shapes, to make outlines and to add detail or pattern.
Shape	 Know that shapes are used in art and begin to identify these in their own art and works of artists. 	Know the names of simple shapes in art.	 Know a range of 2D shapes and confidently draw these. Know that paper can be shaped by cutting and folding it. 	 Know that collage materials can be shaped to represent shapes in an image. Know that shapes can be organic (natural) and irregular. Know that shapes can geometric if they have mostly straight lines and angles. Know that patterns can be made using shapes.
Tone	 Know the simple terms 'light' and 'dark' in relation to their own experiences and play. 	 Know that there are different shades of the same colour and identify colours as 'light' or 'dark'. 	 Know that 'tone' in art means 'light and dark'. Know that we can add tone to a drawing by shading and filling a shape. 	 Know that shading helps make drawn objects look more three dimensional. Know that different pencil grades make different tones.
Pattern	 Talk about and identify the patterns around them. For example: stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs', etc (DM: Maths: 3- 4year olds) 	When they have made a pattern with objects/colours/drawn marks they are able to describe it.	 Know that a pattern is a design in which shapes, colours or lines are repeated. 	 Know that surface rubbings can be used to add or make patterns. Know that drawing techniques such as hatching, scribbling, stippling, and blending can make patterns. Know that patterns can be used to add detail to an artwork.
Texture	 Explore texture by feeling and using a range of objects and materials. 	 Use simple terms to describe what something feels like (eg. bumpy). 	 Know that texture means 'what something feels like'. 	 Know that collage materials can be chosen to represent real-life textures.

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	Know that there are different textures through sensory and messy play		 Know that different marks can be used to represent the textures of objects. Know that different drawing tools make different marks. 	 Know that collage materials can be overlapped and overlaid to add texture. Know that drawing techniques such as hatching, scribbling, stippling, and blending can create surface texture. Know that painting tools can create varied textures in paint.
Form	Know that my hands can manipulate materials through sensory and messy play.	Modelling materials can be shaped using hands or tools.	 Know that we can change paper from 2D to 3D by folding, rolling and scrunching it. To know that three dimensional art is called sculpture. 	 Know that 'composition' means how things are arranged on the page. Know that pieces of clay can be joined using the 'scratch and slip' technique. Know that a clay surface can be decorated by pressing into it or by joining pieces on.
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