



What does Expressive Arts and Design look like in Early Years at the NCEA Trust?

We provide regular opportunities for children to learn about and experience the arts. We value children's creativity and imagination and enable them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.

We want children to be curious and ask questions. We teach the children different skills and encourage their self-expression to communicate their ideas. We show them how to listen carefully, observe in detail and develop specific vocabulary to help them progress.

Expressive Arts and Design in our 2-Year Old provision:

In the two year old provision children take part in action songs and rhymes. They have 10 songs and rhymes with props that are sung daily. They explore musical instruments and how to make sounds in different ways.

They have the opportunity to explore different patterns and textures. Children use paint and other collage materials to make their own pictures and models.

They experiment with a range of different tools and have opportunities to explore their own interests. It is at this age that they start to develop their pretend play with the support of adults.

We also involve parents by sharing photos and video clips on Tapestry and through stay and play sessions, resources such as nursery rhyme sacks also go home.