



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 Nursery provision:

In Nursery children continue to take part in simple pretend play and start making up stories with small world toys.

They explore different materials and choose what to make with them developing their own ideas. Adults show the children how to join different materials together. We help children to develop their drawing and model making gradually adding more details. Children explore colour mixing and have a look at the work of different artists.

They listen to different music and are encouraged to express their feelings as well as making their own music and singing songs.