



### **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 Reception:**

In Reception, children are taught how to use tools and techniques with greater control and precision. We gain inspiration by looking at art and the work of different artists as well as the natural environment, creating our own ideas and responses to the world around us.

We listen and move to different genres of music, discussing what we can hear and feel. We have the opportunity to explore and engage in music making, dancing and singing.

Children make and use props to help them act out stories and develop their imaginations, engaging in pretend play.