

Art and Design Medium Term Planning - Nursery 2025-2026

Development Matters Links - Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Join different materials and explore different textures. Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. 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. Explore colour and colour- mixing. Show different emotions in their drawings - happiness, sadness, fear etc.

Autumn Term - Nursery		
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activity/Links to Topics
Drawing	Can they manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect? Can they hold a pencil and use it with increasing control? Can they draw lines and shapes to communicate meaning? Can they represent their thoughts and feelings in their drawing?	Self portraits Christmas Crafts - stay and play
Painting	Can they manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect? Can they select simple tools and use them appropriately? Can they name colours?	Choose a selected colour Diwali Christmas cards/calendars Christmas Crafts - stay and play
Printing	Can you print with sponges, vegetables & fruit?	Sponge printing Christmas Crafts - stay and play
3D	Can they construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources? Can they select appropriate tools and techniques to shape materials? Can they talk about their model?	Making instruments to explore sound Christmas Crafts - stay and play
Collage/Textiles	Can they join materials together? Can they make snips using scissors? Can they talk about how materials feel?	Autumn Collage Christmas cards/calendars Christmas Crafts - stay and play

Spring Term - Nursery

Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activity/Links to Topics
Drawing	Can they manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect? Can they hold a pencil correctly and use it with increasing control? Can they draw lines and shapes to communicate meaning? Can they represent their thoughts and feelings in their drawing?	Making mother's day cards Making Easter baskets Making Easter cards Draw dinosaurs Observational drawings - linked to The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Painting	Can they select simple tools and use them appropriately? Can they select appropriate resources? Can they mix colours?	Making mother's day cards Making Easter baskets Making Easter cards Paint dinosaurs Holi Colour mixing
Printing	Can you print with sponges, vegetables & fruit? Can you create a repeating pattern?	Easter Card - printing Easter Eggs Dinosaur printing Ordering by length - Mathematics Butterfly pictures Printing a caterpillar
3D	Can they understand that different media can be combined to create new effects? Can they construct with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources? Can they select appropriate tools and techniques to shape materials? Can they talk about their model?	Make your own minibeast
Collage/Textiles	Can they join materials together? Can they make snips using scissors? Can they manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect? Can they use tools appropriately and safely?	Collage Easter Eggs Chinese New Year - Collage a dragon

	Can they use different media combined to create new effects?	
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Summer Term - Nursery		
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activity/Links to Topics
Drawing	Can they represent their thoughts and feelings in their drawing? Can they hold their pencil correctly and with increasing control?	Making Graduation props Father's Day cards
Painting	Can they manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect? Can they select simple tools and use them appropriately? Can they select appropriate resources?	Making Graduation props Father's Day cards Vehicles
Printing	Can you print with sponges, vegetables & fruit? Can you create a repeating pattern?	Making Graduation props
3D	Can they select appropriate tools and techniques to shape materials? Can they select appropriate tools and techniques to assemble materials? Can they select appropriate tools and techniques to join materials? Can they talk about their model?	Looking at structures - making a bridge - The Three Billy Goats Gruff Making Graduation props Making purposeful models
Collage/Textiles	Can they use tools appropriately and safely? Can they use different media combined to create new effects? Can they select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join the materials they are using?	Making Graduation props Collage animals