

Pope Paul Catholic Primary School



Learning in EYFS- Building Foundations in Art

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to the National Curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. The aim of this document is to show how the skills taught across EYFS feed into the Art national curriculum and determines which statements from the 2020 Development Matters are the prerequisite skills for the subject. The table below outlines the most relevant statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception in Art.

	3 & 4-year-olds will be learning to:	Children in Reception will be learning to:	ELG
Expressive Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Explore colour and colour mixing. Show different emotions in their drawings – happiness, sadness, fear etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. 	<p><u>Creating with Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
Understanding the World			<p><u>The Natural World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. • Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. • Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. • Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. • Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. • Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. • Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. • Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing
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