

Art In the Early Years

At St Luke's, we use the non-statutory Development Matters to support our delivery of our curriculum.

There are seven areas of learning and development that shape the early years curriculum. All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. Art in the Early Years is taught via Expressive Arts and Design.

Throughout their time in the Early Year's, we aim for the children to develop their imaginations, creativity, and their ability to use media and materials. The curriculum is designed to allow for the progression of pupil's skills. Activities will be provided which enable an open-ended, playful exploration of materials, processes, and ideas, which in turn nurture dexterity skills, promote an early understanding of visual literacy skills, and begin to build the child's confidence in their ability to make a personal, creative response to a stimulus.

Early Years Foundation Stage pupils explore and use a variety of media and materials through a combination of child initiated and adult directed activities. They have opportunities to learn to:

- Explore the textures, movement, feel and look of different media and materials.
- Respond to a range of media and materials, develop their understanding of them in order to manipulate and create different effects.
- Use different media and materials to express their own ideas.
- Explore colour and use for a particular purpose.
- Develop skills to use simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.
- Select appropriate media and techniques and adapt their work where necessary.

All learning is supported with key vocabulary.