

Early Years Curriculum Intent

"The EYFS is about how children learn, as well as what they learn. Children need opportunities to develop their own play and independent exploration. This is enjoyable and motivating. They also need adults to 'scaffold' their learning by giving them just enough help to achieve something they could not do independently."

Development Matters 2021

At Our Lady's, we provide our children in Early Years with a curriculum that is designed to be flexible, engaging and exciting so that their unique needs, passions and interests are embraced.

Every child is an exceptional individual and we celebrate and respect differences within our diverse school community. The ability to learn is underpinned by the teaching of basic skills, knowledge and values that equips our children to be able to solve future challenges of the modern world.

<u>Aims</u>

- Work in partnership with our parents and carers to promote independent, confident and enthusiastic learners who thrive in school and make at least good progress from their various starting points.
- Plan for our children's interests and provide opportunities throughout our EYFS curriculum to support learning, consolidate and deepen knowledge so that the foundations are in place to help children solve the future challenges of the modern world.
- Provide our children with a wide range of rich, first hand experiences to take the curriculum beyond the classroom.
- Foster the development of each child's character through RUAH, health and wellbeing preparing them to make a valuable contribution to society.
- Provide purposeful, enticing and well planned indoor and outdoor environments which supports learning in all areas of the curriculum.
- Prepare children to reach the Early Learning goals at the end of the Foundation Stage and ensure children make at least good progress from their starting points.

"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education."

St John Bosco

Quality of Education: Nursery

	Planning		Teaching			
We plan to ensure that	Careful sequencing helps	Planning is flexible with a	We understand that	We aim to deepen	We understand that play	
every child develops to	children to build their	variety of themes that	children develop at	children's learning	is an essential part of our	
their full potential, in an	learning over time, ready	are linked to the main	different levels but we	through high-quality	curriculum. We provide	
environment where	to start school in	theme. These can be	consistently use	enabling environments	extended periods of	
language, curiosity and	Reception.	included based on the	O .	and adult-led interactions		
communication are vital.		children's interests.	to help children achieve	involving questioning.	outside. Play is supported	
			the end points: ELG at the		by adults, based on	
			end of Reception.		assessment for learning.	
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					understand the	
					importance of preparing	
					children for starting	
					school in Reception.	
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			Goals			
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Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development: Nursery

Respect 'We show respect toward the common good and care for the world God created.' I can say please and thank you. I can say good morning and good bye at the beginning and end of the school day. I can tidy up when asked. I listen to all adults in the school. I can take care when playing outside.	Understanding We understand how to reach our age expectations and beyond by using our God given talents to the full.' I am curious about what I can find inside and outside. I can ask questions to further my understanding. I love listening to stories and reading them myself. I can say what I am good at.	Affection 'We behave with affection and appreciate the importance of life-long learning.' I am friends with everyone. I always greet everyone with a smile. I can share my games with my friends.	Humour 'We have the confidence to solve future challenges in the modern world with a sense of humour.' I am always happy. I laugh at stories that are funny. I love listening to stories and get so much joy out of them. I can laugh when I am playing.
RESPECTIVE FRENCH			



Characteristics of effective Learning: Development Matters 2021

ignore distractions.

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Playing and exploring Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'	 Children will be learning to: Realise that their actions have an effect on the world, so they want to keep repeating them. Plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play with objects. Guide their own thinking and actions by referring to visual aids or by talking to themselves while play child doing a jigsaw might whisper under their breath: "Where does that one go? – I need to find the Make independent choices. Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention. 	he big horse next."
Active learning Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.		get their coat when a low table to reach it and reach up for an
Creating and thinking critically Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.	 Children will be learning to: Take part in simple pretend play. For example, they might use an object like a brush to pretend to 'drink' from a pretend cup. Sort materials. For example, at tidy-up time, children know how to put construction materials in separate baskets. Review their progress as they try to achieve a goal. Check how well they are doing. Solve real problems share nine strawberries between three friends, they might put one in front of each, then a second, Finally, they might check at the end that everyone has the same number of strawberries. Know more, so feel confident about coming up with their own ideas. Make more links between the Concentrate on achieving something that's important to them. They are increasingly able to control 	different lems: for example, to , and finally a third. ose ideas.

Nursery Long Term Overview

Autumn	Spring	Summer
All About Me	All About Me (1 week for new starters)	All About Me (1 week for new starters)
Autumn	Winter	The Great Outdoors
Celebrations	New Life	Summer Time
		Starting School
		SCHOOL SC

	Autumn Term									
Main Theme	All About Me			Autumn			Celebrations			
Linked Themes		after myself ood friend		RemembranColours in A	Remembrance Day Colours in Autumn			 Advent and preparation Family celebrations Christmas in different countries Diwali 		
Key Texts	Super Duper You	Guess how much I love you	Only one you	The very helpful hedgehog	Wakey wakey big brown bear	Tree	The squirrels who squabbled	The Christmas Story	The snowman	Father Christmas
	SUPER Y U W	GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU Stor Afternoon America Ariza Júran	ONLY ONE YOU	The Very Helpful Hedgehoft	WAKEY WAKEY BIG BROWN BEAR!	TREE	SQUIRRELS WHO SQUABBLED	Christmas Story	Snowman	Father Christmas

	Spring Term						
Main Theme	All About Me (1 week for new starters)	Winter	New Life				
Linked Themes	My familyMy friendsWelcome someone new	Weather in winterSnow and iceSeasons	 Growing seeds Animals and their habitats The Easter Story 				
Key Texts	The wonder	The snowflake mistake The secrets of winter winter wonderland SECRETS WINTER WONDERLAND	Ten seeds Who is in the egg? The Easter Story The Story of Easter The Easter Story The Easter				

	Summer Term							
Main Theme	All About Me (1 week for new starters)	The Great Outdoors			Summer Time			Starting School
Linked Themes	My familyMy friendsWelcome someone new	 Growing seeds New life Spring into summer time 			•	 Weather in the summer Flowers in the garden Healthy fruit and vegetables Outdoor learning Keeping safe in the sun Water safety Transport 		 Starting school Transition into reception
Key Texts	The growing story The Growing Story Story	The very hungry caterpillar	SNAIL TRAIL RUTH BROWN	Bees		I see summer	Let's have a picnic	Starting School Von more Abbreg bank deer gan ETEASTERM regin Janet and Alkan Ahlberg

		Progress	ion Across Nursery		ELG
		Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
		Listening, attention and understanding	Listening, attention and understanding	Listening, attention and understanding	Listening, attention and understanding: Listen attentively and respond
Prime Areas	munication and Language Listening, attention and understanding Speaking	 I can listen to, and follow simple instructions. I am beginning to understand why listening is important. I understand and follow the routines in nursery. I can pick up a book and look at the pictures. I can listen to short stories and answer questions about what has happened in the story. I know that stories have different characters which could be real and pretend. 	 I can listen to, understand and follow simple instructions and respond to questions appropriately. I can choose a book that I like for my teacher to read to the class. I can join in with active stories by following my teachers. I can answer questions about short stories. I am learning that stories have a beginning middle and an end. I enjoy make believe play. I am starting to use new words and phrases related to the different topics. I am developing my communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'. 	I can independently sequence familiar rhymes and can say what happens next	to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. • Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
	Communication Listening, attention a Speaki	 Speaking I have mostly clear speech and can be easily understood. I can communicate basic needs to an adult. I can say good morning or good afternoon to everyone in the nursery. I can describe events that have already happened. I can talk about myself and my family. I can sing rhymes I can talk about celebrations at home. I can talk about the different characters and what they are doing. 	 Speaking I can say new words and phrases that I have learnt from topics. I can ask lots of questions – why, what. I can answer questions about why something has happened. I can talk in short sentences that others can understand. I can talk about the setting, characters and the structure of the story. I can retell a story. 	 Speaking I have clear speech and can be easily understood. I can ask lots of questions – why, what, where, who. I can use longer sentences and link ideas. I can answer questions and share opinions using the relevant vocabulary. I can talk about the setting, characters and the structure of the story. I can use connectives e.g. Once upon a time and then. I can use vocabulary learnt to have a conversation with others. I can use the words I know appropriately to organise myself and my play. 	 Speaking: Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

			Progression	on Across Nursery		ELG
			Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
	Development	Building Relationships	 Self-Regulation I am building my confidence to come into nursery independently. I can separate from my main carer and learn to adapt to the Nursery environment. I am aware of behavioural expectations in the Nursery. I am starting to enjoy imaginative play with my friends. I can wash my hands after using the toilet. 	 Self-Regulation I always come into school happily. I can express feelings. I enjoy imaginative play with my friends. I can recognise when I am happy or sad. I am starting to recognise when my friends are happy or sad. 	 Self-Regulation I can wait for my turn to talk. I can express my feelings. I can create my own imaginative play with my friends. I can recognise a wider range of emotions (happy, sad, annoyed, frustrated). 	 Self-Regulation Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate. Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions
Prime Areas	Personal, Social and Emotional [Self-Regulation Managing self Build	 I am starting to develop good bonds with key adults in my nursery class I am aware of the different areas in the Nursery and how to explore them safely. I am starting to recognise where my peg is and hang my coat up. 	Managing Self I know my daily routine in nursery. I can listen to, and follow rules set. I know how to adapt behaviour to suit classroom routines. I can show independence in accessing and exploring the environment. I know that we must respect our resources and put them back when we have finished with them. I can take turns whilst playing and waiting patiently to have a go. I can tidy away toys. I can say please and thank you I can ask to go to the toilet. I can hang my belongings on my peg independently. I am starting to understand the important of keeping my teeth clean and healthy.	 Managing Self I follow all routines confidently. I can clear away items that have been used. I am confident to ask a familiar adult for help. I always say please and thank you. I show more confidence in new social situations. I am beginning to find solutions to conflicts. I can show an awareness of how others may be feeling. I am beginning to be assertive towards others where necessary. I know that if I am upset, I can use phrases such as "stop it, I don't like it" to convey my discomfort. I know that people show their emotions in different ways, for example smiling if they are happy, cry if they are sad etc I know that oral hygiene is important and I also know that fruit and vegetables are healthy for my teeth and my body. 	 Managing Self Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

Building Relationships

- I know that I can approach adults in Nursery when needed.
- I am building confidence to hold hands with an adult when walking around the school.
- I am building confidence to play a game led by an adult.
- I am starting to take turns when playing.
- I am starting to share toys with my friends.

Building Relationships

- I can show confidence in asking adults for support.
- I can hold hands with an adult when walking around the school.
- I am starting to enjoy being part of the wider aspect of school using the dinner hall and the library.
- I can share my toys and games.
- I can take turns when playing.

Building Relationships

- I can help an adult when asked.
- I am building confidence to speak to other adults in the school.
- I can agree or disagree with an adult using words and gestures
- I can initiate play with peers and keep giving ideas.
- I play happily with my friends and include them in my games.
- I am becoming more outgoing with unfamiliar people.
- I know that to play nicely it's important to share and take turns.
- I know that it is OK to engage with others, even if in a different environment.

Building Relationships

- Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others.
- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

		Progres	sion Across Nursery		ELG
		Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
Prime Areas	Physical Development Gross motor skills Fine Motor Skills	Gross Motor Skills Fundamental movement, striking and fielding, invasion games, gymnastics, dance. I can climb a ladder. I can hope using both feet alternately. I can stand / walk on heels when shown. I can copy actions of others. I engage in messy play. I am beginning to show awareness of moving equipment safely with peers. I can use alternate feet when climbing apparatus. I can copy dance moves and to move to different kinds of rhythms Fine Motor Skills I can hold a pencil with a tripod grip and I am developing a hand preference. I can put my arms into my coat. I can sit stable on a chair and cross legs on the carpet. I can use mark making resources with increasing independence. I can show independence with eating and drinking, e.g. being able to feed myself and ask for help with opening containers. I know how to use mark making resources effectively, e.g. how to use scissors to snip or how to use a paint brush to paint.	 I can try different foods. I can wash my hands independently. 	 climbing frame. I can kick and roll a ball. I can throw a ball towards a target. I can run skilfully and be able to negotiate space. I can successfully take part in group games with support from an adult. 	Gross Motor Skills Fundamental movement, striking and fielding, invasion games, gymnastics, dance. Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Fine Motor Skills 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, paint brushes and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

	I can fill containers with different materials, e.g. sand, water etc and to show confidence in carrying them from one point to another without dropping.	
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		Progressi	on Across Nursery		ELG
		Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
	Writing	 Comprehension I can pick up a book and look at the pictures. I understand that print has meaning. I understand that print can have different purposes I can turn the pages in a book in sequence. I know that text is read from left to right and top to bottom in English I am learning that stories have a sequence; beginning, middle and end. I can listen to stories and say who my favourite character is. I can talk about and retell a range of familiar stories 	Comprehension I can name and talk about the different parts of a book, e.g. front cover/ back cover/ spine/ pages I can talk about different parts of the story. I can listen to short stories and answer questions about what has happened in the story. I can talk about and retell a range of familiar stories. I can join in with repetition within stories and rhymes.	 Comprehension I can name the different parts of the book. I can listen to longer stories and answer questions immediately afterwards. I can engage in extended conversations about stories I can talk about different parts of the story. I can join in with repetition within stories. I am beginning to make predictions about a story, sometimes supported by an adult with vocabulary. 	using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. • Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories. • Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-
Specific Areas	Literacy Comprehension Word Reading	 Word Reading Phase 1 – Letters & Sounds: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral segmenting and blending. I know that text has a meaning I am beginning to explore initial sounds in familiar words. I know that each letter makes a sound – focussing on sounds in their names. 	 Word Reading Phase 1 – Letters & Sounds: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral segmenting and blending. I can recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother. I am developing a phonological awareness so that I can count or clap syllables in a word. 	 environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, oral segmenting and blending. I can identify some sounds during oral blending games 	 Word Reading Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by soundblending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.
		 Writing I can make marks on paper for a variety of different reasons. I can find and identify familiar letters, e.g. letters in my name. 	 Writing I can mark make and give meaning to their marks. I can find and identify familiar letters, e.g. letters in their names. I am beginning to attempt writing familiar letters, e.g letters in their name. 	 Writing I can copy lowercase letters in the alphabet I can copy and write my name. I can attempt to write for a variety of reasons, for example, shopping lists, greetings cards. 	 Writing Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

Progression Across Nursery					ELG
		Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
Specific Areas	Maths Number Numerical Patterns	 Number and Numerical Patterns I can count out a group of up to 5 objects. I know that each object should only be counted once. I can match the number of objects to the numeral. I know that a group of objects can also be represented by a number. I can say number names to 10 in order. I can experiment with how numbers are formed and do my own mathematical mark making. I can explore patterns in the environment. I can sing songs about numbers and counting. 	 I can count forwards and backwards to 5. I can count forwards to 10. I can say number names to 10 in order. I can count out a group of 10 objects. I show interest in counting objects, movements, claps and other sounds. I am starting to subitise to 3. I can repeat a pattern of numbers or shapes. 	 Number and Numerical Patterns I can count forwards and backwards to 10. I recognise numbers to 10 both in and out of sequence. I can place numbers 1 to 5 in order. I can write 1 – 5 in order. I am developing my ability to subitise to 5. I am starting to recognise that addition means adding an amount to the group. I am starting to recognise that subtraction means taking an amount away from a group. I am starting to solve practical problems with numbers up to 5. I can say which group of objects has 'more than' or 'less than'. I can independently create and talk about own patterns using a range of objects and resources. 	
		 Shape, Space and Measures I can match shapes in a game. I can play snap games. I can show an awareness and name some 2D shapes in the environment. 	 Shape, Space and Measures I can talk about and explore 2D shapes using relevant mathematical vocabulary such as flat/sides/ round/ straight/ corners I am showing an awareness of positional language such as under/behind/ next to/over/ on top of. I can demonstrate through games and role play an understanding of positional language. I can compare and order objects according to their size. 	 I am beginning to make sensible comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity. I can name and describe 2D shapes. I can recognise and name a circle, triangle and square. 	

		ELG			
		Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
Specific Areas	Understanding of the World Past and Present People, Culture and Communities The Natural World	Past and Present Chronological understanding, historical interpretation, historical investigation I can talk confidently about when I was born. I can talk about events that have happened in my own life in the past. I am beginning to make sense of my own life story by talking about photos and memories. I know that important religious figures lived a long time ago: Jesus, Mary, Joseph. People, Culture and Communities Geographical skills and fieldwork, locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography I can make comments and/or ask questions about where I live. I understand that the nursery is part of the school. I can talk about who I live with. I know that I live in Oxford. I know that Oxford is in England. I know that England is in Great Britain. I can identify similarities and differences between myself and my peers. I know that everyone has a birthday and they are usually celebrated in a similar manner around the world.	Past and Present Chronological understanding, historical interpretation, historical investigation I can talk about events that have happened in my own life so far. I can speak about an event which has happened in the past. I understand language of today, tomorrow and yesterday. I can order a sequence of up to 2 events. I can talk about some of the things that I have observed. I know that important religious figures lived a long time ago: St John Bosco. People, Culture and Communities Geographical skills and fieldwork, locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography I can explore the natural area and learn to ask questions: what is this? I know that there are different countries in the world and can talk about the differences I have experienced or seen in photos. I can say what happens at Easter.	 I can ask questions about some objects that are old. I can explore pictures from the past and explain what is happening. People, Culture and Communities Geographical skills and fieldwork, locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography I know about different modes of transportation and who operates them I can say how I travel to school and what 	around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. People, Culture and Communities: Geographical skills and fieldwork, locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories,

The Natural World

Working scientifically, seasonal changes, and magnets, materials, plants, human and physical geography, geographical skills and physical geography, geographical skills geographical skills and fieldwork, and fieldwork,

- I can ask guestions about what I find.
- I can talk about what I see, using a wide vocabulary.
- I can use all my senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- I can talk about the differences between materials.
- I understand the changes that happen to the natural world around me in the autumn.
- I understand that we have light in the day | Spring 2 and it is dark at night.
- I understand daylight changes with the seasons.
- I understand the importance of washing hands, brushing teeth and eating a healthy snack.
- I can talk about my body parts and what the function is of each part.

The Natural World

Working scientifically, seasonal changes, and magnets, materials, plants, human and fieldwork,

Spring 1

- I can use my senses to explore the world around me.
- I can say what the weather is like in the winter.
- I know that water becomes ice when it freezes.
- I can ask questions about objects, events and animals observed in my environment in the winter.

- I can plant seeds and care for growing
- I understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant.
- I am beginning to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- I understand the key features of the life cycle of an animal.
- I know parts of a plant and what is needed for a plant to grow (sun, water, soil)
- I can say how the natural environment is changing in the spring time.
- I know that every living being has a life cycle and they change in shape and size as they grow.

The Natural World

Working scientifically, seasonal changes, living things and their habitats, light, forces|living things and their habitats, light, forces|living things and their habitats, light, forces and magnets, materials, plant,

- I can talk about some of the things that I have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.
- I can explore the plants and insects that can be found in the natural area.
- I can make own habitats using a range of resources.
- I know that different animals produce food that we consume and there are different people who make food that we can buy in the supermarket.
- I can talk about where food comes from and bake a range of things.
- I know the names of different fruits and vegetables.
- I can recognise fruit and vegetables as healthy snacks.
- I can say what the weather is like in the summer time and how to protect myself in the hot weather.
- I can feel different forces and talk about how it feels.

stories, non-fiction texts and when appropriate - maps.

The Natural World:

Working scientifically, seasonal changes, living things and their habitats, light, forces and magnets, materials, plants.

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

	ELG			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Children at the expected level of development will:
ecific A	Painting, drawing, textiles, printing, sculpture, digital media, collage, design,	 blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. I can join different materials and explore different textures. I can create closed shapes with continuous lines which represent objects that can be spoken about or identified. I can use my imagination to create different works of art. I can apply adhesive sparingly and place glued surfaces together accurately. I am beginning to classify materials into textures and colours. I can handle and manipulate some natural and made materials. I can talk about materials, especially their colours and textures. I can put single items together (e.g. seeds or leaves) to create new textures. I can create simple sculptures using salt dough. I can construct simple sculptures using a variety of materials (junk modelling). I am developing my ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. I can show different emotions in my drawings - happiness, sadness, fear. 	 make a new colour. I can show different emotions in pictures clearly. I can draw with increasing control, representing features and detail clearly. I can construct with bricks and blocks to make an enclosure. I can use scissors effectively. I can show confidence in the choice of media when creating a model or picture. I know that different construction toys can be used to make new things that can be used in pretend play. I can explore different materials freely, to develop my ideas about how to use them and what to make. 	Creating with materials: Painting, drawing, textiles, printing, sculpture, digital media, collage, design, make, evaluate, cooking and nutrition. 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.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

Singing, playing instruments, composing, listening to music, responding to music.

- I can sing simple rhymes and clap to a song.
- I can sing familiar nursery rhymes.
- I can remember and sing small songs from start to finish.
- I can explore how to use the voice to create loud and quiet sounds.
- I can tap a beat.
- I am beginning to follow and imitate simple patterns using body movements (clapping etc) percussion instruments.
- I can explore and create sounds by selecting instruments.
- I am beginning to show an awareness of the beat while playing.
- I am beginning to name some classroom instruments.
- I know that different musical instruments make different sounds and I can differentiate between the sounds, sharing thoughts and feelings about what I have heard.
- I can move to music.
- I can use realistic toys in pretend play.
- I engage in dramatic play with others.
- I am beginning to act out different scenarios using props to enhance imaginative play.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

Singing, playing instruments, composing, listening to music, responding to music.

- I can sing familiar nursery rhymes with increasing confidence.
- I can sing familiar songs or make up my own songs.
- I can sing the pitch of a tune sung by another person ('pitch match').
- I can explore singing fast and slow and changing speeds.
- I can sing songs clearly using correct words that have been learned.
- I can play instruments with increasing control.
- I am beginning to select and choose my own instruments to create my own beats and sequences independently.
- I am beginning to be aware of when to stop and start using symbols and signals.
- I am beginning to express whether I like or dislike music and begin to say and explain why.
- I am beginning to think about, with support, the effect the music is meant to have and why
- I can engage in role play by making stick puppets of different story characters.

Being Imaginative and Expressive Singing, playing instruments, composing.

Singing, playing instruments, composing, listening to music, responding to music.

- I can sing familiar songs in the correct tone and change the melody if appropriate.
- I can sing familiar nursery rhymes alongside playing instruments and follow the rhythm.
- I can sing the melodic shape (moving melody such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.
- I can create my own songs or improvise around a familiar song.
- I can select and choose instruments to represent and respond to stimulus (stories or linked to curriculum topics)
- I can play a range of instruments to express feelings and ideas.
- I can listen to music and create movements to the different beats.
- I can use puppets and props to act out different traditional stories.
- I can use available resources to create props to support role-play and make imaginative play more purposeful.
- I know that I can change my voice whilst singing or acting out stories to create a dramatic effect.
- I know that body movements can be changed depending on the rhythm to achieve a desired effect.

Being Imaginative and Expressive:

Singing, playing instruments, composing, listening to music, responding to music.

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.