

# Aspiring Foundations Federated Nursery Schools

## Expressive Arts and Design

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, Expressive Arts and Design is broken down into two aspects:

**Exploring and using media and materials** - children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

**Being imaginative** - children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through best practice and activity ideas.

Being creative is about making new things, taking risks, experimenting, coming up with new ideas, solving problems and coping with uncertainty. Creative play, both indoors and outdoors, not only helps foster these skills but can also assist with emotional development and social interaction

Young children learn and develop through:

- exploring and experimenting in sensory and playbased activities;
- encouragement and stimulation by adults helping them to express their ideas, extend their creativity and develop originality of thought; and
- opportunities to explore and share those thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of art and design, music, movement, dance, dramatic and role-play experiences, with adults' encouragement and support.

At Warrington Road Nursery we aim to ensure that children have opportunities to:

- Explore sound, texture, shape, form and space in 2 and 3 dimensions
- Be encouraged to experience and respond creatively to what they see, hear, smell, touch and taste
- Have access to activities and experiences that promote imaginative play
- Be encouraged to observe and listen through art, music, dance and stories
- Be provided with an extensive range of resources that allow them to explore, formulate ideas, express their creativity and communicate their feelings
- Be taught how to use resources and processes such as colour mixing, gluing and printing.