Area of Learning	Aspect	Birth to 3	3 year olds and 4 year olds	Reception aged children	ELG
Expressive arts and design	Creating with materials	-Explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materialsMake simple models which express their ideas	-Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park -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 decided which materials to use to express them -Join different materials and explore different textures	-Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings -Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills	-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
	Being imaginative and expressive	-Start to develop pretend play, pretending that one object represents another. For example, a child holds a wooden block to her ear and pretends it's a phone -Use their imagination as they consider wat they can do with different materials	-Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar	-Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.	

Expressive arts and design - Autumn 1

Salt dough faces paying attention to details and developing their fine motor control for manipulating the dough.

Expressive arts and design - Spring 2

Role-play; workshop and children's choice.

Easter cards and crafts to include baskets and bonnets.

Mother's Day cards and crafts to include magnets and badges.

Handles and uses tools effectively to make changes. For example, cutting out stages of growth and sticking them back down in order.

Expressive arts and design - Autumn 2

Manipulating materials to create a Diva Lamp for Diwali

Creating firework pictures using a range of resources.

Continuing to build models using construction materials and junk modelling.

Exploring combining media for Elmer collages and Christmas cards.

Expressive arts and design - Summer 1

Constructing for a purpose and writing labels for models.

Using a range of media and materials to create Jack and the beanstalk, hungry caterpillars, bees and ladybirds. Using wool and real tools for a purpose.

Expressive arts and design - Spring 1

Exploring and using different materials to make toy robots (display).

Using different materials and tools to make cone puppets which are to be used for puppet shows.

Expressive arts and design - Summer 2

Exploring felting and weaving. Using felt to create animals linked to farm visit.

Creating representations of events such as holiday art work and using Noah's ark as a stimulus for artwork.

Junk modelling rockets.