

Art Medium-term Plan (Reception) *Equipping Children for a World of Possibilities*

Year Group	Term		Unit of Learning
Reception	Autumn 1		Drawing
About the unit	•	Where the unit fits in	
Children will learn how to draw a self-portrait and how to	use a sketch	Theme: Marvellous Me	
pencil correctly and effectively.		Children learn about what makes them I	Marvellous and how they are each unique. They will use their knowledge and experiences of
		animals and pets to help them make dee	cisions about their artwork.
Prior Learning	<u>Vocabulary</u>		Resources
This will be the first taught unit of artwork that children	Materials:		Sketchbooks, Art sketch pencils
will complete in school.		l, straight, thin, thick, little, long. Shape -	Mirrors, I pad for photos
They have opportunities to mark make and explore		roportions- big, small, thin, thick.	Key artists, craft makers and designers to consider:
patterns and textures during continuous provision.	Colours- sha	des- light, dark.	Freida Kahlo
 Uses simple tools and techniques competently Talk about their artwork and the artwork of oth Where this fits with the EYFS curriculum (Development N Expressive Arts and Design Development Matters Three a 	ers. latters 2020 ar	nd Early Learning Goals ELG Early adopters):
 Explore different materials freely, in order to devel 			
	•	about now to use them and what to make	
 Join different materials and explore different textu Expressive Arts and Design Development Matters Recept 			
 Explose Arts and besign bevelopment watters keept Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects t 			
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• Return to and build on their previous learning, refin Creating with Materials ELG	ing ideas and	developing their ability to represent them	
• Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools	and technique	s, experimenting with colour, design, textu	ure, form and function.
Share their creations, explaining the process they be	avourod		

• Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.

Learning Objective	Possible teaching Activities	Learning Outcomes
Children will:		Children will have:
Talk about the artwork of others.	Show children a PowerPoint / photographs showing the work of self-portraits artist Freida Kahlo. Tell them key facts about her background, influences and technique. Help children to understand what proportions are and	Appraised an artists' work.
Develop an understanding of different features and 2D shapes	how Frieda Kahlo drew herself using 2D shapes. Provide children with various resources in independent learning to explore and develop vocabulary.	An increased knowledge of facial features.
names.		
Explore ideas thought	Encourage children to describe the 2D shapes they can see in a mirror. Use photographs of themselves and	An increased knowledge of facial features.
independent learning.	close photographs of their different features to use in future sessions.	Develop understanding in the use of shapes and lines.
Drawing a self-portrait from the knowledge they have learnt.	Children follow step by step instructions to draw themselves. They then apply what they know about creating proportions and 2D shapes into their own work of drawing a self-portrait of themselves.	Developed drawing skill and knowledge
Talk about artwork.	Children talk about how they created their artwork. Talk about the differences and similarities of their drawing	Explained the process they went through to create their
	to the artist.	artwork.

<u>Year Group</u> Reception		Term Autumn 2		Init of Learning culpture and texture in clay
Reception		Autumn 2		Painting
About the unit			Where the unit fits in	
Children will develop their k	-	• • •	Theme: Lets Celebrate	
apply what they have learnt	to create a sculpture of a I	Diwa lamp.	Children learn about different celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire, Halloween and Ch	
		Marakulan	knowledge and experiences of different celebrations to help them make decisions ab	
P <u>rior Learning</u> This will be the first sculptur	a loarning of artwork	Vocabulary Elements:		Resources Photos of Yayoi Kusama artwork
that children will complete in	-	Line - curved, straight, thin,		Artist-Leanne McClurg Cambric
They have opportunities to r		Shape - 2D and 3D shapes, b		pad for photos
patterns and textures during		Texture - rough, smooth, bu		Clay, clay tools and boards.
		Form		
Assessment (By the end of the end	nis unit the children will be	able to)	·	
Experiment to creater	ate different textures.			
Develop their unde	erstanding of texture, shap	e and form.		
Manipulates mate	rials to achieve a planned e	effect.		
 Uses simple tools a 	and techniques competent	ly and appropriately.		
 Talk about their ar 	twork and the artwork of o	others.		
		e and Four-Year-Old statemen	ning Goals ELG Early adopters):	
		velop their ideas about how to		
•	•	•	use them and what to make.	
 Join different material Expressive Arts and Design E 	s and explore different tex			
	•	s to express their ideas and fe	oling	
•	•	efining ideas and developing the	-	
 Return to and build or Creating with Materials ELG 	i their previous learning, re	enning ideas and developing tr	ien ability to represent them.	
-	a variety of materials too	ls and techniques experiment	ting with colour, design, texture, form and function.	
	explaining the process the		ting with colour, design, texture, form and function.	
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Learning Objective			Possible teaching Activities	Learning Outcomes
Children will:				Children will have:
			work of Yayoi Kusama artwork of dotty painting. Tell them key facts about her	Appraised an artists' work.
			understand what texture is and how it can be made with clay as well as paint creates	
	texture in her clay art work to depict animal coverings. Look at the artist Leanne McClurg Cambric clay pot 'Black + Tea' as a contrasting artist.		An increased knowledge of	
inderstanding of texture.	Provide children with vario	ous texture resources in indep	endent learning to explore and develop texture vocabulary.	texture.
	Encourage children to des	cribe the textures they see on	a clay pot. Use photographs of the traditional clay pots and close up photographs of	An increased knowledge of
	the brush or tool marks.			texture.
		aking dots using a range of me	dia resources using a range of tools.	Developed skills in creating
extures.			creating textures. Talk about how the textures could be recreated in clay e.g. dots	textures in clay.

textures. Use photographs of the pots and dots to refer to when creating textures. Talk about how the textures could be recreated in clay e.g. dots created by making lots of circular shapes or lines - explore different tools that can make these lines. Let children experiment adding texture to flat pieces of clay.

Manipulate materials to	Children follow step by step instructions to create a pot using a range of clay tools. They then apply what they know about creating textures in	Manipulated clay in order to
achieve a planned effect.	clay to add details inside the pots. Once the pots are dry children to use dot methods they are learnt to decorate the outer side of their clay	produce their desired shape,
	pot.	form and texture.
Talk about artwork.	Children talk about how they created their artwork.	Explained the process they went
		through to create their artwork.

Year Group	Term	Unit of Learning
Reception	Spring 1	Drawing and painting
About the unit		Where the unit fits in
Children will develop their skills of observational drawir	ng and will gain knowledge and experience of colour mixing. They will	Theme: What a wonderful world.
apply what they have learnt to create a wild animal pair		Children learn about other animals, habitats, similarities and differences.
Prior Learning	Vocabulary	Resources
Reception children have had experience of	Elements:	Photos of Henri Matisse- 'The Snail' 1953
observational drawing when drawing minibeasts in	Line - curved, straight, thin, thick, little, long.	Animals (visit to the farm)
the Autumn term.	Shape - 2D and 3D shapes, big, small, thin, thick.	Photographs of animals (taken at farm)
They have had the opportunity to explore paint in	Colour - primary, secondary, mix	Ipad for photos
their independent art work.		Paper, pencil, paint, mixing tray, brushes
		Key artists, craft makers and designers to consider:
		Henri Matisse
Assessment (By the end of this unit the children will be	able to)	
EAD (BI) 30 – 50		
Captures experiences and responses with a ra	ange of media.	
EAD (UM&M) 30 – 50		
	e a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects.	
 Explores colour and how colours can be changed 	ged.	
EAD (BI) 40 – 60		
Create simple representations of events, peop		
Chooses particular colours to use for a purpos	se.	
EAD (UM&M) 40 – 60		
Explores what happens when they mix colour		
Understands that different media can be com		
Uses simple tools and techniques competentl		Learning Quiterman
Learning Objective	Possible teaching Activities	Learning Outcomes
Talk about art work.	Introduce children to the artist Henri Matisse. Display his painting of 'The	Increased knowledge of art elements.
	snail! but don't tell the children the title. TTYP about the picture - what you can see, what is happening, where it might be, colours, shapes	New knowledge of an artist and their work.
	etc. Can you guess what the title might be? Then tell children what the	
	title is - why do you think it is called that? Is the snail easy to spot? Talk	
	about the colours, lines and patterns that can be seen. Tell the children	
	that we are going to produce our own picture a bit like 'The Snail' but we	
	are going to create a picture of a different animal from the farm. Read	
	the story of the Snail by Jo Saxton. Show them an example of a snail one	
	and ask what how we could make a picture like this with an animal of	
	choice from the farm instead.	
Explore colour and shape.	Encourage children to look at the colour and shape of flamingos when	Observational skills developed through real life experience.
Make observations.	they visit the farm. What special features do they have. Encourage them	
	to notice things about the pigs, sheep, cow, ducks. Where do they live in	
	the farm. What are they surrounded by? Take photographs of the	
	animals to use in future sessions.	
Create simple representations.	Show children step-by-step how to draw an animal from the farm. Draw	Drawn representation of animal from the farm.
	in sketchbooks. Photocopy onto A4 paper for children to paint the	

Explore what happens when two primary colours are mixed together. Choose particular colours to use for a purpose.	This week we are going to paint the flamingo and the grass it is hiding in. What colour do we need for the grass? We have a challenge - we are only allowed to use red, yellow and blue paints to paint the grass. What could we do? Introduce colour mixing to children. Show them three pieces of card and get them to name the colours - red, yellow and blue. Tell children that these are called primary colours because they can't be made by mixing other colours. They can be used to mix other colours though. Can children predict what colours the different combinations could make?	Knowledge of mixing primary colours and the colours they produce.
	Use talk partners and share predictions. Show children the primary colours powerpoint and the clip of the song 'There are 3 primary colours'.	
Explore what happens when two primary colours are mixed together.	Experiment with colour mixing. Show children how to use blocks paints to mix primary colours together. Children put water on their brush and mix it in the block (lightest colour first). They put this paint in a pallet tray. They wash their brush and then do the same with the second colour and add it to the first colour in the pallet to create a new colour. The best results have more of the lighter colour and a little bit of the darker colour. Record findings in sketchbook by painting blobs of the colours being used:	Experience of mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. Applied knowledge of colour mixing in children's work.
Explore colour mixing.	Learn how to make secondary prime colours using prime colours. Explore adding different amounts of white to get different shades of colours.	

Year Group	Term		Unit of Learning
Year R	Spring 2		Printing
About the unit	Where the unit fits in		i mung
	children will produce a printed piece of artwork inspired by Esther Mahlangu. Theme: What a wonderful world		
Prior Learning	Vocabulary		Resources
Children have explored printing with a range of	Elements:		Natural objects, sketchbooks, pencils, paint,
materials such as blocks, cardboard, string,	Line - curved, straight, vertical, horizontal, diagonal		rollers, paper, textiles, printing materials,
foam and have learnt about simple repeated	Shape - 2D shapes		foam, wood, canvas fabric
patterns.	Pattern - regular, repeated, rotated, overlapped		Key artists, craft makers and designers to
			consider:
			Esther Mahlangu.
Assessment (By the end of this unit the children	will be able to		
EAD (BI) $30 - 50$			
Captures experiences and responses w	ith a range of media		
EAD (UM&M) 30 – 50			
	enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to	represent objects	
 Explores colour and how colours can b 			
EAD (BI) 40 – 60			
Create simple representations of even	ts, people and objects.		
Chooses particular colours to use for a			
EAD (UM&M) 40 – 60			
Explores what happens when they mix	colours.		
 Understands that different media can 			
Uses simple tools and techniques com			
Learning Objective	Possible teach	ning Activities	Learning Outcomes
I can express opinions about artwork.	Show children pictures of examples of Esther Mahlang	u. What do children think of the textiles? Do they	Children will have said what they like or dislike
	like / dislike any part of them. Do they have a favourit	e piece? Why is it their favourite? They could record	about some artwork.
	their opinions.		
	What do they notice?		
	Children could annotate a picture with words describin	ng shapes, lines, patterns etc.	
I can develop further printing techniques.	In sketchbooks:		Children will have developed their own ideas
I can explore different techniques to print on	Children produce pattern ideas for printing blocks and	think about the materials they will use to make their	for printing blocks.
to textiles.	printing blocks e.g. string, foam shapes, cardboard, wo	ood. Will they use more than one type of	
	material? Do they have ideas for other things they cou	uld print with? They could make a simple collagraph	
	printing blocks with different textures on them.		
	Children to be able to use prior art skills learn to create	e a smile pattern.	
I can explore variations of pattern placement	Demonstrate how to use a roller and print with a print	ing block.	Children will have explored how to use their
in their artwork.	Children create their printing blocks and explore differ	ent ways they can place the pattern	printing block to create different patterns and
l can adapt my ideas.	Children create a finished pattern to resemble Esther	printing on cloth on canvas material.	will have made a final decision for their
			artwork.
I can use inspiration from designers to create	Set up a mini gallery on the tables for children to walk	around and look at Include pictures of Esther	Children will have talked about the inspiration
		around and look at. Include pictures of Estrier	
my own work and can compare it.	Mahlangu artwork. Children talk about how their artwork is similar / differ	rent to the Esther printing What inspired them and	for their own artwork.
	why did they make the choices they made?	ient to the Esther printing. What hispited them and	
why did they make the choices they made?			

Year Group	Term		Unit of Learning
Reception	Summer 1		Painting
About the unit		Where the unit fits in	
Children will produce a painting	hildren will produce a painting depicting flowers. Theme: Space/Changes		
Prior Learning	Vocabulary	· · ·	Resources
Children have explored	Elements:		Images of artwork, pencils, paint, brushes, sketchbooks, flowers.
painting during independent	Line - curved, straight, vertical, horizontal, diagona	al	
learning in the creative and	Shape - big, small, thin, thick		
outside learning areas. They	Colours - Pattern - regular, irregular, random, space	ed	Key artists, craft makers and designers to consider:
have experienced exploring			Vincent van Gogh
the application of paint with			Edouard Manet
brushes, rollers and printing			Clementine Hunter
resources.			Georgia O'Keefe
			Anna Blatman
			Jose Trujillo
	unit the children will be able to)		
1. Talk about the work of artist	S.		
2. Develop painting skills.			
3. Make observations that influ	ience their art.		
4. Develop their own ideas.			
-	about line and colours in their art).		
6. Talk about their artwork.	1		1
Learning Objective	Possible teaching Activities		Learning Outcomes
I can talk about the work of	Set up a display of examples of artwork that have flowers as the subject.		Children will have talked about what is similar and different in pieces
artists.	Similarities and differences		of artwork.
	Paint applied thickly and boldly.		
I can develop painting skills	In sketchbooks:		Children will have observed shapes, lines and details when making
	Experiment applying paint in thick bold strokes dif		drawings from real life.
	most. Which one would they like to use in their o	wn paintings?	
	Use simple flower outline		
	Try adding different materials to the paint to creat	e further texture e.g. sand, glitter, shaving foam.	
	salt, flour, oats Let children think of some ideas		
	Evalors different ways of analying the point to an	or o a finance matcheticke bruches following	
	Explore different ways of applying the paint to pap	per e.g. migers, matchsticks, brushes, ioliysticks,	
L can uso a variaty of	twigs Children make observational drawings of flowers t	ior their own artwork looking at lines and shanes	Children will have selected their own materials to print with.
I can use a variety of	Children make observational drawings of flowers for their own artwork looking at lines and shapes		Children will have selected their own materials to print with.
materials to print with.	carefully Children create their own flower paintings using th	poir skotches and painting ideas	Children will have developed printing techniques
I can demonstrate a range of	Children create their own nower paintings using th	ien sketches and painting loeas	Children will have developed printing techniques.
techniques when printing e.g.			
rolling, pressing, stamping.	t at all tales a star state and the star		
I can develop ideas.	Let children play with arrangements, colours etc	d har many a first state down the many state	Children will have experimented with ideas.
	Children make choices for a final design. This coul	a be more of a printed pattern or a picture.	

I can compare others artwork	Set up a mini gallery or lay out everyone's artwork on the tables for children to walk around and	Children will have made comparisons of their own artwork with others.
with their own.	look at. Include the pictures from the famous designers.	
	Children talk about how their artwork is similar / different to the artwork by the famous designers.	
	Or how it is similar / different to the artwork of others in the class.	

Year Group	Term		Unit of Learning
Reception	Summer 2		Skill: Drawing and printing
About the unit Children will produce a word pop art picture in the sty explore print making and apply techniques to their ow		Where the unit fits in Theme: Changes Children learn all about real life superheroes. They find out superhero stories, create their own superhero identity and	
 Prior Learning In Reception children have: explored printing independently in the creative area. They used a range of everyday resources and art tools to print with to create their own pictures and to create different effects. learnt about primary colours. had experience of talking about the work of artists when appraising pieces of everyta the artist of the team 	<u>Vocabulary</u> Print, roll, press, block fill Main art elements – shape, line, colour Line - jagged, curved, thin, thick, bold, diagor Shape - cloud, jagged, bigger, smaller Colour - primary colours, red, yellow and blue	nal	Resources Paper, card, sketchbooks, pencil, black pens (different thicknesses), paint, printing equipment, scissors, glue or sticky pads. Key artists, craft makers and designers to consider: Roy Lichtenstein
artwork by the artist of the term.			
 Captures experiences and responses with a EAD (UM&M) 30 – 50 Understands that they can use lines to enclo Explores colour and how colours can be cha EAD (BI) 40 – 60 Create simple representations of events, pe Chooses particular colours to use for a purp EAD (UM&M) 40 – 60 Explores what happens when they mix colou Understands that different media can be co Uses simple tools and techniques competen 	ose a space, and then begin to use these shape nged. ople and objects. ose. urs. mbined to create new effects.	s to represent objects.	
<u>Learning Objective</u> Children will:		ble teaching Activities	Learning Outcomes Children will have:
Talk about the work of other artists.	Lichtenstein's artwork. What effect do they straight lines and curved lines. Talk about th Which piece of artwork do children prefer an Tell children that they will be developing idea create their own piece of word pop art.	7-roy-lichtenstein-information-powerpoint is/who-roy-lichtenstein n' and 'POP'. Look at the lines, colours and shapes used in have? If children need support encourage them to look for re three primary colours that have been used.	Discussed elements of art when observing the work of an artist.
line.		urved lines to make cloud shapes. Try using thin and thick	Developed further drawing skins.

	If children are struggling to draw their own shapes, they could start by tracing images of the shapes.	
Develop mark making and printing techniques. Line - I can use a range of materials to explore and make different types of line	 Look again at the two pieces of artwork looked at so far. The sections are filled in with block colour or dots. Talk to the children about the technique of Ben Day dots (a system invented to increase the range of colours available to newspaper printing). Lichtenstein used this technique to build up colour and texture like in a comic book. Ask - How could we create dots and lines in our artwork? We could draw, paint or print them. Explore how. In their sketchbooks, children could have a go at drawing and painting dots and lines before exploring printing or could just go straight onto printing. Printing techniques: Create dots by printing with: bubble wrap (use a roller to roll the paint on). objects that are cylindrical (wooden blocks, glue sticks, packaging). earbuds. the other end of a paintbrush or the bottom of a felt tip pen. Explore creating dot patterns that are closer or further apart. 	Explored and developed mark making and printing techniques.
Explore ideas.	The 'word pop art' that will be created will have at least 3 layers. Use A5 pieces of card to create each layer on. The layers will be: Layer 1(top layer) - the word. Layer 2 - first shape. Layer 3 - second shape (slightly bigger than first shape). Additional layer 4 - background (A5 rectangular piece of card) Additional layer 5 - triangles protruding from the centre placed on the background. Children need to try out and make decisions about what they want each of these layers to look like. They could roughly sketch these in their sketchbooks and try out different combinations. Explore the layers: Layer 1 - the word.	Explored ideas to help them make decisions about their artwork.
	Use some comic word images to look at to help children decide on the word they would like to use. Or, as a class generate a list of action sound words to choose from. Children think about which primary colour they would like the word to be (red, yellow or blue). Layer 2 - first shape. Children choose whether they want this to be a cloud or jagged shape for the word to go on top of. They need to think about what effect to fill this shape with (block colour, dots or diagonal lines). They also need to think about what technique they will use to create the effect and what primary colour they will use. Choose a different primary colour from layer 1 to create a more contrasting effect.	
	Layer 3 - second shape. Children again choose whether they want this to be a cloud or jagged shape (It looks more effective if the second shape is a different shape to the first, but children could explore this), and decide on the fill effect and primary colour they will use (It also looks more effective if children alternate patterned and block effects, but again this could be something children explore and make their own decisions about). Additional layer 4 - background. Children choose what fill effect and primary colour to use on the background.	

	Children choose an effect to create in a primary colour of their choice to paint onto a piece of card.	
Use their ideas and experiences to produce a final piece of artwork.	Create your final piece of work. Children to have a go at creating a A4 piece of art comic book front cover using the skills they have learnt. Children will use their explore idea to help them recreate their idea.	Produced a final piece of artwork based on the knowledge they have gained and the
		ideas they have developed.
Talk about and compare the work of an artist with	Children evaluate their finished artwork. Encourage them to talk about elements of art evident – lines,	Evaluated their own artwork and
their own and others.	shapes and colours incorporated	compared it to that of others.
	\uparrow Ask "Why did you choose to use them in that way?"	
	Get children to talk about how their artwork is similar / different to the artwork they looked at first. Or,	
	how it is similar / different to the artwork of others in the class.	