



Explorers 1 / Nursery

Skills Ladder Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials

EAD1 Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.

EAD2 Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.

EAD3 Join different materials and explore different textures.

EAD4 Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.

EAD5 Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details

EAD6 Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.

EAD7 Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc.

EAD8 Explore colour and colour mixing.

EAD9 Show different emotions in their drawings – happiness, sadness, fear, etc

Being Imaginative and Expressive

EAD10 Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.

EAD11 Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.

EAD12 Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.

EAD13 Listen with increased attention to sounds.

EAD14 Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.

EAD15 Remember and sing entire songs.

EAD16 Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').

EAD17 Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.

EAD18 Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.

EAD19 Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.

