



Early Years Parent Expressive Art & Design Guide



Expressive Art & Design

This area of learning relates to how your child:

- Enjoys and participates in musical and dance activities
- Enjoys and participates in artistic activities – using and exploring a variety of materials - colour/ paint/ texture/ collage/ glue/ pattern
- Constructs models using a variety of materials and tools
- Enjoys and participates in make-believe play – based on adult roles and first hand experiences
- Uses props and resources to develop story lines

Activities at Home

- Sing!
- Dance!
- Make some musical shakers using pots containing dried pasta shapes or lentils
- Provide some messy play resources – paint, cornflour and water mixed, glitter and glue!
- Collect fabrics with different patterns and textures, perhaps from old clothes, for your child to arrange and use to make a collage picture
- Use old boxes to make models. Talk about what your child has made and what the different parts are
- Allow and encourage your child to help when you are tidying up or doing jobs
- Join in with your child's role-play games. Be prepared to become a passenger on your child's bus or train, Mr or Miss in a game about teachers, a patient for your child's nurse or doctor to treat, a pirate or princess . . .
- Keep some old clothes – hats, shoes, gloves etc. to make a box of exciting dressing up clothes

