

EYFS – Art
Reception Class - Rainbows

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme	Let's Explore	Sparkle and Shine	Helpful Heroes	Sensational Spring	Long Long Ago	Big Wide World
Specific Area of Learning						
Physical Development Fine Motor Skills	Reception - Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. - Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. - Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility. ELG - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. - Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.					
Expressive Art and Design Creating with Materials	Reception - Explore use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. - Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. - Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills. ELG - 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.					
Skills	Drawing and Mark-Making: - Hold a pencil with a comfortable grip (tripod grip). - Create closed shapes with continuous lines. - Draw simple observational pictures like self-portraits or faces with basic details. Painting and Colour: - Explore paint with brushes and fingers. - Name primary colours. - Experiment with colour mixing to see what happens when colours combine. Craft and 3D Construction: - Safely using one-handed tools like scissors to make snips or cut straight lines. - Join materials, thread and fold. Sculpture: - Mould and shape malleable materials like playdough, clay, or natural objects to create basic 3D forms. Expressive Design: - Share creations and talk about the process used. - Express feelings and ideas through artwork.					
Key Vocabulary	Line, mark, circle, square, triangle, shape, pencil, scribble, space, red, blue, yellow, green, primary colours, mix, light, dark, rough, smooth, bumpy, soft, hard, shiny, flat, brush, paint, sponge, print, press, big, small, cut, stick, join, fold, roll, squeeze, model, junk model, paper, card, scissors.					
Learning Experience	- Self portrait - Firework picture - Rangoli patterns - Xmas art	- Firework picture - Rangoli patterns - Xmas art	- Superhero mask	- Flower picture	- Junk model dinosaur	- Paper mache world

