

## The Arts

Creativity is developed through every area of the curriculum. Art and Design, Drama and Music provide rich opportunities for developing creativity, allowing children to express their ideas, feelings and interpretations of the world in diverse ways, through pictures, sound, drama and dance. From a young age children should be involved in a wide range of activities that continue to develop their imagination and natural curiosity, and that allow them to express their ideas and feelings with confidence. The greater the encouragement to express themselves freely through Art and Design, Drama, Music the greater likelihood there is that children's individuality, imagination and creativity will blossom.

The purpose of The Arts within the Primary Curriculum, therefore, to provide opportunities for children to develop:

- their curiosity, imagination and creativity,
- their self – confidence and self – esteem,
- their artistic, musical and kinaesthetic abilities, including gross and fine motor skills,
- verbal and non-verbal modes of expression,
- an appreciation of the beauty and wonder of the world around them,
- their ability to make informed choices and decisions,
- an awareness of other cultures