



THE ARTS

The Grove has an excellent reputation for 'child' initiated and led creativity. We encourage independence in planning and free choice in the use of a wide variety of resources and materials. We believe the 'process' is more important than the finished 'product'. However we do celebrate and appreciate each child's talent and achievement.

The nursery curriculum provides opportunities for learning through painting, drawing, play with clay and dough, construction materials, 3 d model making, music, drama, dance, free movement and story telling.

We have a wide selection of CDs and percussion instruments which we use regularly and the children are encouraged to make their own instruments using recycled materials. Local musicians and 'talented' parents/grandparents are often invited to contribute to our music appreciation. We participate in music and movement programmes such as Primary Movement, Sticky Kids, Boogie Beat and Jo Jingles.

Children are encouraged to dress up, re-enact experiences and stories in the 3 areas of our Home Corner (kitchen, living and bedroom) and in our additional role play areas (perhaps a vets, hospital, jungle, bears' cottage, shop or cafe). Our school is well resourced and provides excellent stimulation and materials to develop such creativity. Staff are on hand to provide additional information and props to extend play and to participate in the child's imaginative world, when invited to do so!