



## EYFS Progression of Skills

Birth to three years	Physical Development	• Develop manipulation and control.
		• Explore different materials and tools.
	Expressive Arts and Design	• Explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials.
		• Make simple models which express their ideas
		• Use their imagination as they consider what they can do with different materials.
	Understanding the World	• Explore materials with different properties.
• Explore natural materials, indoors and outside.		

Three to Four Years	Physical Development	• Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
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		• Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
		• Show a preference for a dominant hand
		• Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.
	Expressive Arts and Design	• Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
		• Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
		• Join different materials and explore different textures
		Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.
	Understanding the World	• Explore how things work.
		• Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
		• Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
• Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary		



A Reception Child	Physical Development	Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.
	Expressive Arts and Design	• 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.
Understanding the World	• Explore the natural world around them.	



Early Learning Goals	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	• 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.
			• Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
	Physical Development	Fine Motor Skills	• 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.
Understanding the World			