

# EXPRESSIVE ARTS

## Information for Parents

*Together we make a  
Family!*

*Growing Happy, Healthy  
Children*



*"The inspiration and power of the arts play a vital role in enabling our children and young people to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills."* Expressive Arts: Principles and Practice (Curriculum for Excellence).

**Learning in, through and about the expressive arts enables children to:**

- be creative and express themselves in different ways
- experience enjoyment and contribute to other people's enjoyment through creative and expressive performance and presentation
- develop important skills, both those specific to the expressive arts and those which are transferable
- develop and appreciation of aesthetic and cultural values, identities and ideas and, for some, prepare for advance learning and future careers by building foundations for excellence in the expressive arts.

**Children will learn about the expressive arts through experiences in :**

- art and design
  - dance
  - drama
  - music
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- \* investigate and use a variety of media and techniques such as painting, drawing, printing and modelling with fabrics, clay and other materials
  - \* express thoughts, feelings in pictures, paintings and models
  - \* use role play or puppets to recreate and invent situations
  - \* use verbal and non-verbal language in role play

- \* listen and respond to sounds, rhythms, songs and a variety of music
- \* make music by singing, clapping and playing percussion instruments
- \* use instruments by themselves and in groups to invent music that expresses their thoughts and feelings
- \* move rhythmically and expressively to music
- \* participate in simple dances and singing games

At KingsWellies Nursery we aim to develop your child expressively and aesthetically by providing a variety of different resources and play activities.

**Imaginative  
Role Play**

**Clay and  
Dough**



**Dressing  
Up**

**Junk  
Modelling**

**Movement  
and Dance**

**Easel  
Painting**

**Playing  
Instruments**

**Puppet  
Theatre**

**Songs  
and  
Rhymes**



There are many ways in which you can support your child's expressive and aesthetic development.

- \* provide shoes and hats for dressing up



- \* make musical instruments from junk materials

- \* home made play dough  
(ask nursery staff for the recipe)



- \* listening to a wide range of music

- \* singing and dancing



- \* collect materials for collage

- \* printing with objects from around the house

- \* act out favourite stories and rhymes

