	Minimum Expectations for nursery	Nursery and Reception	Minimum expectations for reception	Links to ks1 curriculum
Painting	Mix primary colours to appropriate consistency.	Able to mix primary colours to make secondary colours.	Colour matching to a specific colour and shade.	Colour matching, altering tint and shade Warm/Cool colours.
	Use pre-made paints and are able to name colours.	Can use thin and thick brushes to add detail.	Add white or black paint to alter tint or shade.	Lines of varying thickness, Dot and lines for pattern/texture
	Enjoys using hands, feet and fingers to paint.	Print with small blocks, small sponges, fruit, shapes and other resources.	Can independently select additional tools (stamps, rollers etc) to improve their painting.	Use a variety of brushes and tools.
	Can hold a paintbrush in the palm of their hand.		Can hold a paintbrush using a tripod grip.	Print with a variety of resources.

	Print with large blocks and		Create patterns or meaningful	
	larger sponges.		pictures when printing.	
Drawing	Makes marks. Draws circles and lines.	Draws potato people (no neck or body).	Draws with detail (bodies with sausage limbs and additional features).	Children must be exposed to models and be able to identify key features of living things.
	Draws faces with features and	Children are able to draw		
	draws enclosed spaces, giving meaning.	simple things from memory.	Draws bodies of an appropriate size for what they're drawing.	Children draw portraits, detailed pictures, landscapes, buildings and cityscapes.
	Children are able to draw		Children are beginning to draw	
	things that they observe.		self-portraits, landscapes and buildings/cityscapes.	
Collage	Use glue spatulas with support.	Use glue sticks and glue spatulas independently.	Join items in a variety of ways – Sellotape, masking tape, string, ribbon.	Joins items which have been cut, torn or glued.
	Use glue sticks with support.			
	Product is all one texture.	Adds other materials to develop models (tissue paper, glitter etc).	Knows how to secure boxes, toilet rolls, decorate bottles.	Improve models by adding texture.
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			Join items with glue or tape.	Make collages and mosaics using different materials

		Additional textures – children describe as smooth or bumpy Beginning to weave (gross motor).	Knows how to improve models (scrunch, twist, fold, bend, roll). Improved vocab - flexible, rigid.	Weaves items.
			Smooth, rough, bendy, hard Weave (fine motor).	
Sculpture	Builds walls to create enclosed spaces.	Builds simple models using walls, roofs and towers.	Builds models which replicate those in real life. Can use a variety of resources - loose part play.	Use a variety of natural, recycled and manufactured materials to sculpt.
	Builds towers by stackings objects. Explores clay.	Manipulates clay (rolls, cuts, squashes, pinches, twists).	Makes something with clear intentions.	Use a variety of techniques and shapes to sculpt.
	Makes marks in clay.		Makes something that they give meaning to.	

Music		Is able to name a wide		Expresses their opinion.
		variety of instruments (also		
		including chime bars,		
		glockenspiels, xylophones).		Can change the tempo and
	Responds to music.		Selects own instruments and plays them in time to music.	dynamics.
		Plays a given instrument to	Can change the tempo and	
	Enjoys listening to music	a simple beat.	dynamics whilst playing.	Recognises instruments in music.
			Knows how to use a wide variety of instruments.	
	Explores instruments and is beginning to name them (drum, tambourine, maraca, triangle)		Beginning to write own compositions using symbols, pictures or patterns.	Compose their own simple tunes.
				Creates sound effects.
				Writes down compositions.
Singing	Beginning to watch	Learns short routines,	Copies basic actions and moves	Put a sequence of actions
and	performances for short periods of time.	beginning to match pace.	to music.	together.
dancing				
		Shares likes and dislikes	Beginning to watch	Begin to improvise
	Copies basic actions and moves	about	performances for short periods	independently to create a simple
	to music.	dances/performances.	of time.	dance.

	Sings in a small group.	Watches dances and performances.	Sings in a small group.	Sings in tune and to the correct beat.
	Knows some words when singing.	Sings in a group, trying to keep in time.	Knows some words when singing.	
Role play			Uses imagination to develop own storylines.	To take part in a simple role play of a known story.
	Plays with familiar resources.	Uses own experiences to develop storylines.	Uses experiences and learnt stories to develop storylines.	Reviews own work and makes improvements.
	Simple small world (farm, cars, trains, dolls).	Participates in small world play related to rhymes and stories.	Enhance with resources that they pretend are something else.	
			Children enhance small world play with simple resources.	