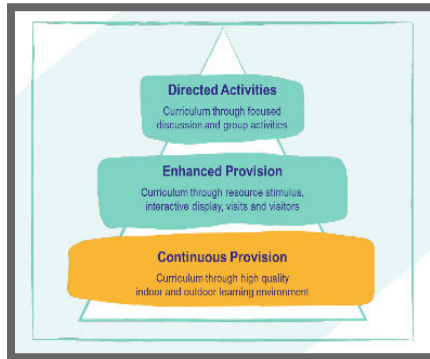




Early Years Curriculum Expressive Art & Design - Art & Design Technology

At Victoria Road the Early Years Curriculum is research based, understanding that Birth to 5 is a unique neurological and developmental phase. The curriculum plans for concrete learning experiences, the opportunity to revisit ideas in a variety of contexts and the embedding of learning behaviours which underpin the Characteristics of Effective Learning. In the Early Years learning is not compartmentalised and everything links.

Our Early Years Curriculum is based around the Early Excellence Triangle Model which divides learning into three strands, Continuous Provision, Enhanced Provision and Directed Activities.



In the Early Years children’s Art & Design is developed through both the Continuous Provision and Enhanced Provision. Through the Continuous Provision opportunities are made available for children to explore and develop a range of skills including drawing, painting, cutting, joining and creating with junk materials. A variety of resources are provided to provoke curiosity and encourage the exploration of different techniques including collaging with different materials, exploring with different joins and printing to create different effects. During block play children have the opportunity to think like an engineer, building and recreating familiar structures. Through enhanced provision, which has been carefully mapped out across the year, children have the opportunity to refine and deepen their artistic creativity. Children are exposed to different ways to make marks including exploring different lines and shapes. As they progress through the year they are encouraged to observe carefully and begin to explore shape and detail when creating drawings. Through stories children are exposed to new skills including colour mixing and are encouraged to use this when making choices about colour when painting. Language linked to colour, shape and texture is skillfully modelled during play to support children’s understanding of concepts.

Links	ELG EA&D	Key Stage 1 National Curriculum
<p>EP Overview</p> <p>CP Painting Area</p> <p>Workshop Area</p> <p>Block Play</p>	<p><i>Creating with materials</i></p> <p><i>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;</i></p> <p><i>Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.</i></p>	<p><i>Pupils should be taught:</i></p> <p><i>to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products</i></p> <p><i>to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination</i></p> <p><i>to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space</i></p> <p><i>about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.</i></p>