



# APPLETREE NURSERY SCHOOL

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Characteristics of Effective Learning:

At Appletree Nursery School we are committed to ensure that children learn and develop through the following ways

Playing and Exploring: children are encouraged to engage in open-ended activities using their senses and taking risks;

Active Learning: children are motivated to learn and concentrate through an exciting and stimulating curriculum showing high levels of energy and having pride in their individual achievements;

Creating and thinking creatively: children are confident to show higher level thinking skills, following their own ideas and interests as they make predictions and solve problems

### Unique Child:

#### **Aims:**

For children to be able to express themselves freely and explore their ideas, thoughts and feelings

For children to be imaginative in everything they do

For children to gain enjoyment and a sense of achievement from their creative activities, exploring their own originality

### Positive Relationships:

#### **Aims:**

To develop children's confidence and competency in using a wide variety of tools, equipment and materials

To support children's imagination by providing stimulating and thought-provoking experiences

To scaffold children's learning to develop further skills and encourage them to try new experiences

For practitioners to introduce tools, equipment and materials as appropriate for the children's individual development, ensuring the safe use and handling of such tools and equipment

Staff will sensitively ask children open questions about their creative representations in order to gain further understanding of the child's learning.

### Enabling Environments:

#### **Aims:**

To provide a range of experiences including art, music, movement, dance, role play and design and technology

To provide a creatively stimulating environment in which children can choose from different forms of expressive and sensory representation

To create an environment, both indoors and outdoors, in which children's imagination and forms of expression are recognised and valued

To develop a safe, secure atmosphere where children feel confident to try out their ideas

**The Curriculum will involve...**

Exploratory activities

Provision for role play and imaginative play

A range of creative and art activities

Displays of children's learning showing a range of abilities and originality

**How we will achieve the curriculum...**

Close relationships with parents will ensure that children are dressed appropriately to engage in safe physical play

Examine our current practice to ensure that the nursery supports all aspects of the children's physical development

Continually review the resources available within the nursery to ensure they provide positive images and celebrate gender, ethnicity, religion, special educational needs and disabilities.

Monitor children's developmental stages and provide appropriate support and guidance.

Attend relevant training opportunities to update staff awareness and abilities to support this area of learning.

To utilise relevant books /magazines to enhance staff /children's knowledge.

Guidance will be taken from the Early Years Foundation Stage document and used throughout the schools

**Assessment Aims**

To continually monitor and evaluate children's learning through:

- a) Daily observations
- b) Targeting children and their development
- c) Following the assessment policy