



Early Years Framework for Expressive Arts and Design

The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

Development Matters Non-statutory Curriculum

Age 3-4 Years	Reception Age
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen with increased attention to sounds• Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings• Remember and sing entire songs• Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').• Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs• Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses• Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.• Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.• Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.