



Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 2011
Art Attack



For the next three weeks, up until half term, we will be basing our planning all round the theme 'Art Attack'. We will be involved in all sorts of creative activities such as printing, making a new nursery flag, exploring clay, making photo boards, decopatch and role-playing on a train made from crates and tyres in the garden. There will be a strong link to our local community, which we will respond to and express our ideas about through creative activities.

Our curriculum focus is on helping children to develop their creativity. This will include 4 creative areas:

- Responding to experiences, expressing and communicating ideas
 - ❖ This is about how children respond in a variety of ways to what they see, hear, smell, touch or feel and how, as a result of these encounters, they express and communicate their own ideas, thoughts and feelings.
- Exploring media and materials
 - ❖ This is about children's independent and guided exploration of and engagement with a widening range of media and materials, finding out about, thinking about and working with colour, texture, shape, space and form in two and three dimensions.
- Creating music and dance
 - ❖ This is about children's independent and guided explorations of sound, movement and music. Focusing on how sounds can be made and changed and how sounds can be recognised and repeated from a pattern, it includes ways of exploring movement, matching movements to music and singing simple songs from memory.
- Developing Imagination and Imaginative play.
 - ❖ This is about how children are supported to develop and build their imaginations through stories, role-plays, imaginative play, dance, music, design, and art.

As always we welcome parents into nursery. During these weeks you can particularly help by offering to come in and share any creative talents you may have.

The weekly planning is displayed on boards in the classroom. We will also be putting up an 'Art Attack' display in the entrance hall and updating this throughout the topic. Our work will also be displayed in the Cornerstone Arts Centre and we will keep you informed as to when this will be. As always, the staff are happy to answer any questions you may have.