

# Ashgate EYFS Small Steps Document

## RANGE 1 (approximate developmental age 0-12 MONTHS)

### Personal, social and Emotional Development

#### Building relationships

- Enjoys the company of others and seeks contact with others from birth.
- Shows their readiness to be social through using their sensory abilities; following movement and gazing at faces intently.
- Moves body, arms and legs and changes facial expression in response to others, e.g. sticking out tongue, opening mouth and widening eyes.
- Responds to what carer is paying attention to, e.g. following their gaze.
- Distinguishes between people, recognising the look, sound and smell of their close carer.
- They will usually calm, smile or reduce crying when they hear their carers'/parent's voice, or smell their clothing, for example.
- Holds up arms to be picked up and cuddled and is soothed by physical touch such as being held, cuddled and stroked.
- Begins to display attachment behaviours such as wanting to stay near and becoming upset when left with an unfamiliar person.
- Becomes wary of unfamiliar people or people they have not seen for a while.

#### Sense of self

- Learns about their physical self through exploratory play with their hands and feet and movement
- Is becoming aware of self as they imitate sounds and expressions that are mirrored back to them by close adults: laughing and gurgling during physical interactions
- Shows awareness of being a separate individual through initiating contact with others using voice, gesture, eye contact and facial expression and through secure-base behaviours
- Expresses awareness of their physical self through their own movements, gestures and expressions and by touching their own and other's faces, eyes, and mouth in play and care events
- Shows growing confidence that their needs will be met by freely expressing their need for comfort, nourishment or company

#### Understanding emotions

- Communicates a range of emotions (e.g. pleasure, interest, fear, surprise, anger and excitement) through making sounds, facial expressions, and moving their bodies
- Expresses feelings strongly through crying in order to make sure that their needs will be met
- May whimper, scream and cry if hurt or neglected. If their needs are not responded to, they may become withdrawn and passive
- Seeks physical and emotional comfort by snuggling in to trusted adults
- Is affirmed and comforted by familiar carers through voice, physical presence and touch, for example singing, cuddles, smiles or rocking
- Reacts emotionally to other people's emotions; smiling when smiled at and becoming distressed if they hear another child crying or see a blank unresponsive face

### Communication and Language

- Turns toward a familiar sound then locates range of sounds with accuracy
- Listens to, distinguishes and responds to intonations and sounds of voices
- Reacts in interaction with others by smiling, looking and moving • Quietens or alerts to the sound of speech
- Looks intently at a person talking, but stops responding if speaker turns away
- Listens to familiar sounds, words, or finger plays
- Fleeting attention – not under child's control, new stimuli takes whole attention

#### Understanding

- Turns when hears own name
- Starts to understand contextual clues, e.g. familiar gestures, words and sounds

#### Speaking

- Communicates needs and feelings in a variety of ways including crying, gurgling, babbling and squealing
- Makes own sounds in response when talked to by familiar adults
- Lifts arms in anticipation of being picked up
- Practises and gradually develops speech sounds (babbling) to communicate with adults; says sounds like baba, nono, gogo

- Points and looks to make requests and to share an interest

## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Gradually develops ability to hold up own head
- Makes movements with arms and legs which gradually become more controlled - moves hands together/legs together
- Follows and tracks a sound or moving object, moving head and eyes
- When lying on back, plays with hands and grasps feet, alternating mouthing hands/feet with focusing gaze on them, and vocalising
- Rolls over from back to side, gradually spending longer on side waving upper leg before returning to back
- Develops roll from back right through to front, gradually becoming happy to spend longer on tummy as able to lift head for longer
- When lying on tummy becomes able to lift first head and then chest, supporting self with forearms and then straight arms
- Starts to creep (belly crawl commando-style) from prone (on tummy) position on the floor, often moving backwards before going forwards
- Becomes increasingly able to communicate, both expressing and responding through body movements, gesture, facial expression and vocalisations

### Fine motor skills (*incorporating hand function*)

- Reaches out for, touches and begins to hold objects, developing later on into being able to release grasp
- Explores objects with mouth, often picking up an object and holding it to the mouth for lips and tongue to explore (mouthing)

## Literacy

- Notices and engages with sounds and images in the environment
- As part of sensory exploration, may touch and handle books and digital reading devices
- Enjoys looking at books and other suitable printed or digital material with familiar people, and being read to

## Writing

Writing systems are complicated ways to symbolise meaning, and children need to learn many skills and develop a lot of knowledge as they begin to write. Writing skills and understanding start to develop in babies and toddlers. Firstly, children begin to understand that written texts are symbolic and carry meaning. Later they begin to produce and read written marks purposefully (See the roots of Writing in Communication and Language). What is often referred to as “early mark-making” is the beginning of writing. It is a sensory and physical, and cognitive experience for babies and toddlers, which enables them to see the connection between their actions and the resulting marks, recognising their own agency. (See roots of mark-making and handwriting in Playing and exploring and Physical Development).

## Maths

### Number

- Reacts to changes of amount when those amounts are significant (more than double)

### Spatial awareness

- Explores space when they are free to move, roll and stretch
- Developing an awareness of their own bodies, that their body has different parts and where these are in relation to each other

### Shape

- Explores differently sized and shaped objects
- Beginning to put objects of similar shapes inside others and take them out again

### Measures

- Responds to size, reacting to very big or very small items that they see or try to pick up

### Pattern

- Shows interest in patterned songs and rhymes, perhaps with repeated actions
- Experiences patterned objects and images
- Begins to predict what happens next in predictable situations

## Understanding the World

### People and communities

- Starts to realise they influence people, e.g. as they laugh and smile so do the people they are with
- Develops a sense of belonging to their family and their key carer
- Recognises key people in their own lives

### The Natural World

- Moves eyes, then head, to follow moving objects
- Reacts with abrupt change when a face or object suddenly disappears from view
- Looks around with interest when in a room, garden, balcony or park, visually scanning the environment for novel, interesting objects and events
- Smiles with pleasure at recognisable playthings
- Repeats actions that have an effect, e.g. kicking or hitting a mobile or shaking a rattle

## Expressive arts and design

### Creating with materials

- Experiments with a range of media – tools, materials, sound and whole-body movement -- through multi-sensory exploration

### Being imaginative and expressive

- Responds to and engages with the world that surrounds them, e.g. sounds, movement, people, objects, sensations, emotions (her own and others)

## RANGE 2 (approximate developmental age 12-18 MONTHS)

## Personal, social and Emotional Development

### Building relationships

- Draws others into social interaction through calling, crying and babbling, smiling, laughing and moving their bodies and limbs
- Shares interest and attention by looking to where the adult is looking, pointing and using their gaze to direct the adult's attention to something
- Engages another person to help achieve a goal, e.g. to get an object out of reach
- Cooperates with caregiving experiences, such as dressing
- Builds relationships with special people
- Displays attachment behaviours such as wanting to stay near to their close carers, checking where they are and protesting when separated
- Is wary of unfamiliar people
- Explores confidently when they feel secure in the presence of a familiar adult and is more likely to engage in new or challenging situations
- Closely watches others' body language to begin to understand their intentions and meaning
- Is fascinated by other children, watching them and interacting with them through offering toys, food etc, and by reaching for objects that another has

### Sense of self

- Responds to their own name and enjoys finding own nose, eyes or tummy as part of interactive games
- Shows an interest in their reflection in a mirror, although may not yet realise that the reflection is them
- Shows separation anxiety as they become more aware of themselves as separate individuals
- Shows an emerging autonomy through asserting choices and preferences such as different tastes and rejects things they do not want, for example by pushing them away
- Understands that their own voice and actions causes an effect on others, e.g. clapping hands starts a game
- Shows growing self-confidence

## Understanding emotions

- Shows a wider variety of feelings, using crying, gestures and vocalisations freely to express their needs
- Begins to become aware of their emotions as the connections in the brain that make feelings conscious grow and develop
- Uses familiar adult to share feelings such as excitement and for “emotional refuelling” when feeling tired or anxious
- Uses a comfort object, familiar others, routines or spaces to soothe themselves, particularly when separated from their close carer
- Becomes more able to adapt their behaviour and increase their participation and co-operation as they become familiar with and anticipate routine
- Explores the boundaries of behaviours that are accepted by adults and become aware of basic rules as they use their emerging agency and autonomy

## Communication and Language

### Listening and attention

- Moves whole body to sounds they enjoy, such as music or a regular beat
- Concentrates intently on an object or activity of own choosing for short periods
- Pays attention to dominant stimulus – easily distracted by noises or other people talking.
- Enjoys laughing and being playful with others

### Understanding

- Is developing the ability to follow others’ body language, including pointing and gesture
- Responds to simple questions when in a familiar context with a special person (e.g. Where’s Mummy? Where’s your nose?)
- Understanding of single words in context is developing, e.g. cup, milk, daddy

### Speaking

- Uses sounds in play, e.g. brrrrm for toy car
- Uses single words • Frequently imitates words and sounds
- Enjoys babbling and increasingly experiments with using sounds
- Uses words to communicate for a range of purposes (e.g. teddy, more, no, bye-bye)
- Uses pointing with eye gaze, and then fingers or hands, to make requests and to share an interest
- Creates personal words as they begin to develop language

## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Belly crawling - moves into crawling up on hands and knees
- Sits unsupported on the floor, leaving hands free to manipulate objects with both hands
- Pulls to standing from crawling, holding on to furniture or person for support
- Walks around furniture lifting one foot and stepping sideways (cruising)
- Starts walking independently on firm surfaces and later on uneven surfaces
- Pushes, pulls, lifts and carries objects, moving them around and placing with intent
- Climbs inside, underneath, into corners and between objects

### Fine motor skills

#### *(incorporating hand function)*

- Becomes adept at changing position from crawling to sitting in order to stop, pick up, handle and investigate objects
- Picks up objects in palmar grip and shakes, waves, bangs, pulls and tugs them between two hands while looking at them
- Enjoys finger and toe rhymes and games.
- Points with first finger, sharing attention with adult.
- Starts to throw and release objects overarm.
- Enjoys the sensory experience of making marks in food, damp sand, water, mud, paste or paint
- Manipulates objects using hands singly and together, such as squeezing water out of a sponge

## Literacy

### Literacy Experiences

- Handles books, printed and digital reading material with interest
- Responds to sounds in the environment such as cars, sirens and birds
- Is interested in and explores the sounds made by banging and tapping familiar objects and simple instruments
- Waves and taps arms, bounces or stamps to simple rhythms in songs and rhymes
- Notices pictures and symbols and beginning to recognise what they stand for in their familiar experiences

### Writing

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## Maths

### Number

- May be aware of number names through their enjoyment of action rhymes and songs that relate to numbers
- Looks for things which have moved out of sight

### Spatial awareness

- Explores space around them and engages with position and direction, such as pointing to where they would like to go

### Shape

- Stacks objects using flat surfaces
- Responds to changes of shape
- Attempts, sometimes successfully, to match shapes with spaces on inset puzzles

### Measures

- Shows an interest in objects of contrasting sizes in meaningful contexts
- Gets to know and enjoys daily routine • Shows an interest in emptying containers

### Pattern

- Joins in with repeated actions in songs and stories
- Initiates and continues repeated actions

## Understanding the World

### *Past and present*

- Demonstrates brief memory for previously presented stimulus
- Anticipates repetitively presented stimulus
- Anticipates familiar social routines

### People and communities

- Starts to realise they influence people, e.g. as they laugh and smile so do the people they are with
- Develops a sense of belonging to their family and their key carer
- Recognises key people in their own lives

### The Natural World

- Closely observes what animals, people and vehicles do
- Watches toy being hidden and tries to find it, watches intently where a spider has scuttled away under leaves
- Looks for dropped objects

- Becomes absorbed in combining objects, e.g. banging two objects or placing objects into containers
- Knows things are used in different ways, e.g. a ball for rolling or throwing, a toy car for pushing

## **Expressive arts and design**

### **Creating with materials**

- Experiments with a range of media – tools, materials, sound and whole-body movement -- through multi-sensory exploration

### **Being imaginative and expressive**

- Expresses self through physical actions and sound
- Pretends that one object represents another, especially when objects have characteristics in common
- Creates sound effects and movements, e.g. creates the sound of a car, animals

## **RANGE 3 (approximate developmental age 18 -24 MONTHS)**

## **Personal, social and Emotional Development**

### **Building relationships**

- Explores the environment, interacts with others and plays confidently while their parent/carer or key person is close by; using them as a secure base to return to for reassurance if anxious or in unfamiliar situations
- Shows empathy by offering comfort that they themselves would find soothing, i.e. their dummy
- Enjoys playing alone and alongside others and is also interested in being together and playing with other children
- Will often watch, follow and imitate each other in their play and will experiment with influencing others, co-operating together and also resisting coercion in their interactions
- Asserts their own ideas and preferences and takes notice of other people's responses
- Will sometimes experience long periods of social engagement as overwhelming

### **Sense of self**

- Is aware of and interested in their own and others' physical characteristics, pointing to and naming features such as noses, hair and eyes
- Experiments with what their bodies can do through setting themselves physical challenges, e.g. pulling a large truck upstairs
- Begins to use me, you and I in their talk and to show awareness of their social identity of gender, ethnicity and ability
- Shows their growing sense of self through asserting their likes and dislikes, choices, decisions, and ideas. These may be different to those of the adult or their peers; often saying no, me do it or mine

### **Understanding emotions**

- Expresses positive feelings such as joy and affection and negative feelings such as anger, frustration and distress, through actions, behaviours and a few words
- Experiences a wide range of feelings with great intensity, **such as** anger and frustration, which can be overwhelming and result in losing control of feelings, body and thinking
- Is aware of others' feelings and is beginning to show empathy by offering a comfort object to another child or sharing in another child's excitement
- Asserts their own agenda strongly and may display frustration with having to comply with others' agendas and with change and boundaries

## **Communication and Language**

### **Listening and attention**

- Listens to and enjoys rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories, trying to join in with actions or vocalisations
- Enjoys rhymes and demonstrates listening by trying to join in with actions or vocalisations
- Pays attention to own choice of activity, may move quickly from activity to activity

### **Understanding**

- Understands different situations - able to follow routine events and activities using nonverbal cues
- Selects familiar objects by name and will go and find objects when asked, or identify objects from a group

- Understands simple sentences (e.g. Throw the ball)

## Speaking

- Copies familiar expressions, e.g. Oh dear, all gone.
- Uses different types of everyday words (nouns, verbs and adjectives, e.g. banana, go, sleep, hot)
- Beginning to put two words together (e.g. Want ball, More juice)
- Beginning to ask simple questions
- Beginning to talk about people and things that are not present
- Uses gestures, sometimes with limited talk, e.g. reaches toward toy, saying Want it

## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Develops security in walking upright using feet alternately and can also run short distances
- Walks upstairs facing forwards holding rail or hand of adult, with both feet onto a single step at a time
- Changes position from standing to squatting and sitting with little effort
- Shows interest, dances and sings to music rhymes and songs, imitating movements of others
- Can walk considerable distance with purpose, stopping, starting and changing direction
- When holding crayons, chalks etc, makes connections between their movement and the marks they make
- Uses gesture and body language to convey needs and interests and to support emerging verbal language use

### Fine motor skills

#### *(incorporating hand function)*

- Participates in finger and action rhymes, songs and games, imitating the movements and anticipating actions
- Hands start to operate independently during a task that uses both, with each hand doing something different at the same time (e.g. holding a block in one hand and steadying the other block with the other hand).
- Looks closely at small items and creatures, and can also see items at substantial distance, comfortably changing focus from one to the other

## Literacy

### Literacy Experiences

- Is interested in and anticipates books and rhymes and may have favourites
- Begins to join in with actions and sounds in familiar song and book sharing experience

### Writing

- Begins to understand the cause and effect of their actions in mark making
- Knows that the marks they make are of value
- Enjoys the sensory experience of making marks

## Maths

### Number

#### Comparison

- Responds to words like lots or more

#### Counting

- Says some counting words
- May engage in counting-like behaviour, making sounds and pointing or saying some numbers in sequence

#### Cardinality

- Uses number words, like one or two and sometimes responds accurately when asked to give one or two things

## **Spatial Awareness**

- Enjoys filling and emptying containers
- Investigates fitting themselves inside and moving through spaces

## **Shape**

- Pushes objects through different shaped holes, and attempts to fit shapes into spaces on inset boards or puzzles
- Beginning to select a shape for a specific space
- Enjoys using blocks to create their own simple structures and arrangements

## **Measures**

- Shows an interest in size and weight
- Explores capacity by selecting, filling and emptying containers, e.g. fitting toys in a pram
- Beginning to understand that things might happen now or at another time, in routines

## **Pattern**

- Becoming familiar with patterns in daily routines
- Joins in with and predicts what comes next in a story or rhyme
- Beginning to arrange items in their own patterns, e.g. lining up toys

## **Understanding the World**

- Remembers where objects belong.

## **People and communities**

- Is curious about people and shows interest in stories about people, animals or objects that they are familiar with or which fascinate them
- Is interested in photographs of themselves and other familiar people and objects
- Enjoys stories about people and nature (birds, bees, snails, cats, dogs, etc) and is interested in photographs of themselves with these.

## **The Natural World**

- Is curious and interested to explore new and familiar experiences in nature: grass, mud, puddles, plants, animal life
- Explores objects by linking together different approaches: shaking, hitting, looking, feeling, tasting, mouthing, pulling, turning and poking
- Remembers where objects belong
- Matches parts of objects that fit together, e.g. puts lid on teapot

## **Technology**

- Anticipates repeated sounds, sights and actions, e.g. when an adult demonstrates an action toy several times
- Shows interest in toys with buttons, flaps and simple mechanisms and begins to learn to operate them

## **Expressive arts and design**

### **Creating with materials**

- Continues to explore and experiment with an increasing range of media and movement through multi-sensory exploration and expression
- Moves while singing/vocalising, whilst listening to sounds and music, while playing with sound makers/instruments
- Mirrors and improvises actions they have observed, e.g. clapping or waving • Sings/vocalises whilst listening to music or playing with instruments/sound makers
- Notices and becomes interested in the transformative effect of their action on materials and resources

### **Being imaginative and expressive**

- Uses everyday materials to explore, understand and represent their world – their ideas, interests and fascinations
- Begins to make believe by pretending using sounds, movements, words, objects Beginning to describe sounds and music imaginatively, e.g. scary music
- Creates rhythmic sounds and movements



## **RANGE 4 (approximate developmental age 24 -36 months)**

### **Personal, social and Emotional Development**

#### **Building relationships**

- Builds relationships with special people but may show anxiety in the presence of strangers
- Is becoming more able to separate from their close carers and explore new situations with support and encouragement from another familiar adult
- Shows some understanding that other people have perspectives, ideas and needs that are different to theirs, e.g. may turn a book to face you so you can see it
- Shows empathy and concern for people who are special to them by partially matching others' feelings with their own, e.g. may offer a child a toy they know they like
- Is beginning to be able to cooperate in favourable situations, such as with familiar people and environments and when free from anxiety.
- Seeks out others to share experiences with and may choose to play with a familiar friend or a child who has similar interest

*The following headings are taken from Birth to 5 matters*

#### **Sense of self**

- Knows their own name, their preferences and interests and is becoming aware of their unique abilities
- Is developing an understanding of and interest in differences of gender, ethnicity and ability
- Shows a sense of autonomy through asserting their ideas and preferences and making choices and decisions
- Experiments with their own and other people's views of who they are through their play, through trying out different behaviours, and the way they talk about themselves
- Is gradually learning that actions have consequences but not always the consequences the child hopes for

#### **Understanding emotions**

- Expresses the self-aware emotions of pride and embarrassment as well as a wide range of other feeling
- Can feel overwhelmed by intense emotions, resulting in an emotional collapse when frightened, frustrated, angry, anxious or overstimulated
- Is becoming able to think about their feelings as their brain starts to develop the connections that help them manage their emotions
- Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed and distracts themselves with a comfort object when upset
- Responds to the feelings of others, showing concern and offering comfort
- May recognise that some actions can hurt or harm others and begins to stop themselves from doing something they should not do, in favourable conditions
- Participates more in collective cooperation as their experience of routine

### **Communication and Language**

#### **Listening and attention**

- Listens with interest to the noises an adult makes when they read stories
- Recognises and responds to many familiar sounds, e.g. turning to a knock on the door, looking at or going to the door
- Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes
- Single channelled attention; can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained – using child's name helps focus

#### **Understanding**

- Identifies action words by following simple instructions, e.g. Show me jumping
- Beginning to understand more complex sentences, e.g. Put your toys away and then sit on the carpet
- Understands who, what, where in simple questions (e.g. Who's that? Who can? What's that? Where is?)
- Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. fast/slow, good/bad)

#### **Speaking**

- Uses language to share feelings, experiences and thoughts
- Holds a conversation, jumping from topic to topic
- Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating

- Uses a variety of questions (e.g. what, where, who) • Uses longer sentences (e.g. Mummy gonna work)
- Beginning to use word endings (e.g. going, cats)

## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Sits up from lying down, stands up from sitting and squats with steadiness to rest or play with object on the ground, and rises to feet without using hands
- Sits comfortably on a chair with both feet on the ground
- Runs safely on whole foot
- Moves in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers
- Jumps up into the air with both feet leaving the floor and can jump forward a small distance
- Begins to walk, run and climb on different levels and surfaces
- Begins to understand and choose different ways of moving
- Kicks a stationary ball with either foot, throws a ball with increasing force and accuracy and starts to catch a large ball by using two hands and their chest to trap it
- Climbs up and down stairs by placing both feet on each step while holding a handrail for support
- Uses wheeled toys with increasing skill such as pedalling, balancing, holding handlebars and sitting astride

### Fine motor skills (*incorporating hand function*)

- May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand and/or leg/foot
- Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once
- Shows increasing control in holding, using and manipulating a range of tools and objects such as tambourines, jugs, hammers, and mark making tools
- Holds mark-making tools with thumb and all fingers

## Literacy

### Literacy Experiences

- Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles
- Repeats and uses actions, words or phrases from familiar stories
- Enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words of familiar songs and nursery rhymes

### Comprehension

- Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. Humpty Dumpty sat on a ... Begins to recognise familiar logos from children's popular culture, commercial print or icons for apps

### Writing

- Distinguishes between the different marks they make
- Enjoys drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on different textures, such as in sand or playdough and through using touch-screen technology.

## Maths

### Number

#### Comparison

- Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like more, lots or 'same'

#### Counting

- Begins to say numbers in order, some of which are in the right order (ordinality)

#### Cardinality

- In everyday situations, takes or gives two or three objects from a group
- Beginning to notice numerals (number symbols)

- Beginning to count on their fingers.

## **Spatial Awareness**

- Moves their bodies and toys around objects and explores fitting into spaces
- Begins to remember their way around familiar environments
- Responds to some spatial and positional language
- Explores how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away

## **Shape**

- Chooses puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in
- Recognises that two objects have the same shape
- Makes simple constructions

## **Measures**

- Explores differences in size, length, weight and capacity
- Beginning to understand some talk about immediate past and future
- Beginning to anticipate times of the day such as mealtimes or home time

## **Pattern**

- Joins in and anticipates repeated sound and action patterns
- Is interested in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines

## **Understanding the World**

### **Past and present**

- Shows some appreciation of difference between present and past and of the need to defer satisfaction of wishes to the future.

### **People and communities**

- Has a sense of own immediate family and relations and pets
- In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea, going to the barbers, being a cat, dog or bird
- Beginning to have their own friends
- Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others

### **The Natural World**

- Notices detailed features of objects in their environment
- Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects
- Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake

### **Technology**

- Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some digital equipment
- Operates mechanical toys, e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car
- Plays with water to investigate “low technology” such as washing and cleaning
- Uses pipes, funnels and other tools to carry/ transport water from one place to another

## **Expressive arts and design**

### **Creating with materials**

- Joins in singing songs
- Creates sounds by rubbing, shaking, tapping, striking or blowing • Shows an interest in the way sound makers and instruments sound and experiments with ways of playing them, e.g. loud/quiet, fast/slow
- Experiments with ways to enclose a space, create shapes and represent actions, sounds and objects
- Enjoys and responds to playing with colour in a variety of ways, for example combining colours

- Uses 3D and 2D structures to explore materials and/or to express ideas

### **Being imaginative and expressive**

- Uses everyday materials to explore, understand and represent their world – their ideas, interests and fascinations
- Begins to make believe by pretending using sounds, movements, words, objects Beginning to describe sounds and music imaginatively, e.g. scary music
- Creates rhythmic sounds and movements

## **RANGE 5 (approximate developmental age 36 -48 MONTHS)**

### **Personal, social and Emotional Development**

#### **Building relationships**

- Seeks out companionship with adults and other children, sharing experiences and play ideas
- Uses their experiences of adult behaviours to guide their social relationships and interactions
- Shows increasing consideration of other people's needs and gradually more impulse control in favourable conditions, e.g. giving up a toy to another who wants it
- Practices skills of assertion, negotiation and compromise and looks to a supportive adult for help in resolving conflict with peers
- Enjoys playing alone, alongside and with others, inviting others to play and attempting to join others' play

#### **Sense of self**

- Is becoming more aware of the similarities and differences between themselves and others in more detailed ways and identifies themselves in relation to social groups and to their peers
- Is sensitive to others' messages of appreciation or criticism
- Enjoys a sense of belonging through being involved in daily tasks
- Is aware of being evaluated by others and begin to develop ideas about themselves according to the messages they hear from others
- Shows their confidence and self-esteem through being outgoing towards people, taking risks and trying new things or new social situations and being able to express their needs and ask adults for help

#### **Understanding emotions**

- Expresses a wide range of feelings in their interactions with others and through their behaviour and play, including excitement and anxiety, guilt and self-doubt
- May exhibit increased fearfulness of things like the dark or monsters etc and possibly have nightmares
- Talks about how others might be feeling and responds according to their understanding of the other person's needs and wants
- Is more able to recognise the impact of their choices and behaviours/actions on others and knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings
- Understands that expectations vary depending on different events, social situations and changes in routine, and becomes more able to

### **Communication and Language**

#### **Listening and attention**

- Listens to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests them
- Listens to familiar stories with increasing attention and recall • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Focusing attention – can still listen or do, but can change their own focus of attention
- Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused on another activity)

#### **Understanding**

- Understands use of objects (e.g. Which one do we cut with?)
- Shows understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, behind by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture
- Responds to instructions with more elements, e.g. Give the big ball to me; collect up all the blocks and put them in the box
- Beginning to understand why and how questions

## Speaking

- Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because)
- Able to use language in recalling past experiences
- Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger)
- Uses talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next • Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how
- Beginning to use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played)
- Continues to make some errors in language (e.g. runned) and will absorb and use language they hear around them in their community and culture
- Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others
- Talks more extensively about things that are of particular importance to them
- Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences
- Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e.g. This box is my castle

## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Climbs stairs, steps and moves across climbing equipment using alternate feet. Maintains balance using hands and body to stabilise
- Walks down steps or slopes whilst carrying a small object, maintaining balance and stability
- Runs with spatial awareness and negotiates space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles
- Can balance on one foot or in a squat momentarily, shifting body weight to improve stability

### Fine motor skills

#### *(incorporating hand function)*

- Can grasp and release with two hands to throw and catch a large ball, beanbag or an object
- Creates lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow
- Manipulates a range of tools and equipment in one hand, tools include paintbrushes, scissors, hairbrushes, toothbrush, scarves or ribbons

## Literacy

### Comprehension

- Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, when reading one-to-one and in small groups
- Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Begins to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell own stories
- Talks about events and principal characters in stories and suggests how the story might end
- Shows interest in illustrations and words in print and digital books and words in the environment
- Looks at and enjoys print and digital books independent
- Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom
- Knows information can be relayed through signs and symbols in various forms (e.g. printed materials, digital screens and environmental print)
- Handles books and touch screen technology carefully and the correct way up with growing competence
- Begins to navigate apps and websites on digital media using drop down menu to select websites and icons to select apps

### Word Reading

- Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons
- Begins to develop phonological and phonemic awareness
  - Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration
  - Recognises rhythm in spoken words, songs, poems and rhymes
  - Claps or taps the syllables in words during sound play
  - Hears and says the initial sound in words

### Writing

- Makes up stories, play scenarios, and drawings in response to experiences, such as outings
- Sometimes gives meaning to their drawings and paintings

- Ascribes meanings to signs, symbols and words that they see in different places, including those they make themselves
- Includes mark making and early writing in their play
- Imitates adults' writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right
- Attempts to write their own name, or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes
- Shows interest in letters on a keyboard, identifying the initial letter of their own name and other familiar words
- Begins to make letter-type shapes to represent the initial sound of their name and other familiar words

## **Maths**

### **Number**

#### **Comparison**

- Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same number of objects in each group, e.g. You've got two, I've got two. Same!

#### **Counting**

- May enjoy counting verbally as far as they can go
- Points or touches (tags) each item, saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1,2,3,4,5.
- Uses some number names and number language within play, and may show fascination with large numbers
- Begin to recognise numerals 0 to 10

#### **Cardinality**

- Subitises one, two and three objects (without counting)
- Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle)
- Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond
- Explores using a range of their own marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings

#### **Composition**

- Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers
- Beginning to use understanding of number to solve practical problems in play and meaningful activities
- Beginning to recognise that each counting number is one more than the one before
- Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same

## **Spatial Awareness**

- Responds to and uses language of position and direction
- Predicts, moves and rotates objects to fit the space or create the shape they would like

## **Shape**

- Chooses items based on their shape which are appropriate for the child's purpose
- Responds to both informal language and common shape names
- Shows awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects
- Enjoys partitioning and combining shapes to make new shapes with 2D and 3D shapes
- Attempts to create arches and enclosures when building, using trial and improvement to select blocks

## **Measures**

- In meaningful contexts, finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/less full of two items
- Recalls a sequence of events in everyday life and stories

## **Pattern**

- Creates their own spatial patterns showing some organisation or regularity
- Explores and adds to simple linear patterns of two or three repeating items, e.g. stick, leaf (AB) or stick, leaf, stone (ABC)
- Joins in with simple patterns in sounds, objects, games and stories dance and movement, predicting what comes next

## Understanding the World

### Past and present

- Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience

### People, culture and communities

- Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them
- Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines
- Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends
- Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life indoors and outdoors
- Knows some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family

### The Natural World

- Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world
- Talks about why things happen and how things work
- Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time
- Shows care and concern for living things and the environment
- Begin to understand the effect their behaviour can have on the environment

### Technology

- Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player, uses a remote control, can navigate touch-capable technology with support
- Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, real objects such as cameras, and touchscreen devices such as mobile phones and tablets
- Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images
- Knows that information can be retrieved from digital devices and the internet
- Plays with a range of materials to learn cause and effect, for example, makes a string puppet using dowels and string to suspend the puppet

## Expressive arts and design

### Creating with materials

- Explores and learns how sounds and movements can be changed
- Continues to explore moving in a range of ways, e.g. mirroring, creating own movement patterns
- Enjoys joining in with moving, dancing and ring games
- Sings familiar songs, e.g. pop songs, songs from TV programmes, rhymes, songs from home
- Taps out simple repeated rhythms
- Develops an understanding of how to create and use sounds intentionally
- Continues to explore colour and how colours can be changed
- Develops an understanding of using lines to enclose a space, and begins to use drawing to represent actions and objects based on imagination, observation and experience
- Uses various construction materials, e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces
- Uses tools for a purpose

### Being imaginative and expressive

- Uses movement and sounds to express experiences, expertise, ideas and feelings
- Experiments and creates movement in response to music, stories and ideas
- Sings to self and makes up simple songs
- Creates sounds, movements, drawings to accompany stories
- Notices what other children and adults do, mirroring what is observed, adding variations and then doing it spontaneously
- Engages in imaginative play based on own ideas or first-hand or peer experiences.
- Uses available resources to create props or creates imaginary ones to support play
- Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme

## **RANGE 6 (approximate developmental age 48 – 60 MONTHS)**

### **Personal, social and Emotional Development**

#### **Building relationships**

- Represents and recreates what they have learnt about social interactions from their relationships with close adults, in their play and relationships with others
- Develops particular friendships with other children, which help them to understand different points of view and to challenge their own and others' thinking
- Is increasingly flexible and cooperative as they are more able to understand other people's needs, wants and behaviours
- Is increasingly socially skilled and will take steps to resolve conflicts with other children by negotiating and finding a compromise; sometimes by themselves, sometimes with support
- Returns to the secure base of a familiar adult to recharge and gain emotional support and practical help in difficult situations
- Is proactive in seeking adult support and able to articulate their wants and needs
- Some children may have had to make many different relationships in their life. This may have impacted on their understanding of what makes a consistent and stable relationship

#### **Managing self**

- Recognises that they belong to different communities and social groups and communicates freely about own home and community
- Is more aware of their relationships to particular social groups and sensitive to prejudice and discrimination
- Shows confidence in speaking to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions in familiar group
- Can describe their competencies, what they can do well and are getting better at; describing themselves in positive but realistic terms
- Has a clear idea about what they want to do in their play and how they want to go about it
- Shows confidence in choosing resources and perseverance in carrying out a chosen activity

#### **Self-regulation**

- Understands their own and other people's feelings, offering empathy and comfort
- Talks about their own and others' feelings and behaviour and its consequences
- Attempts to repair a relationship or situation where they have caused upset and understands how their actions impact other people
- Is more able to manage their feelings and tolerate situations in which their wishes cannot be met
- Seeks support, "emotional refuelling" and practical help in new or challenging situations.
- Is aware of behavioural expectations and sensitive to ideas of justice and fairness • Seeks ways to manage conflict, for example through holding back, sharing, negotiation and compromise

### **Communication and Language**

#### **Listening and attention**

- Shows variability in listening behaviour; may move around and fiddle but still be listening or sit still but not absorbed by activity
- May indicate two-channelled attention, e.g. paying attention to something of interest for short or long periods; can both listen and do for short span

#### **Understanding**

- Understands a range of complex sentence structures including negatives, plurals and tense markers
- Beginning to understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes
- Able to follow a story without pictures or props
- Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion
- Understands questions such as who; why; when; where and how

#### **Speaking**

- Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words
- Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations
- Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention
- Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play



## Physical development

### Gross motor skills

- Chooses to move in a range of ways, moving freely and with confidence making changes to body shape, position and pace of movement such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping
- Experiments with different ways of moving, testing out ideas and adapting movements to reduce risk
- Jumps off an object and lands appropriately using hands, arms and body to stabilise and balance
- Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles
- Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment

### Fine motor skills (*incorporating hand function*)

- Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it
- Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials
- Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control and intention
- Shows a preference for a dominant hand
- Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines
- Begins to form recognisable letters independently
- Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed

## Literacy

### Comprehension

- Enjoys an increasing range of print and digital books, both fiction and non-fiction
- Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of reading
- Describes main story settings, events and principal characters in increasing detail
- Re-enacts and reinvents stories they have heard in their play
- Knows that information can be retrieved from books, computers and mobile digital devices
- Is able to recall and discuss stories or information that has been read to them, or they have read themselves
- Includes everyday literacy artefacts in play, such as labels, instructions, signs, envelopes, etc.

### Word Reading

- Begins to recognise some written names of peers, siblings or “Mummy”/”Daddy” for example
- Begins to develop phonological and phonemic awareness - Continues a rhyming string and identifies alliteration - Hears and says the initial sound in words
- Begins to segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them - Starts to link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet
- Begins to link sounds to some frequently used digraphs, e.g. sh, th, ee
- Begins to read some high frequency words, and to use developing knowledge of letters and sounds to read simple phonically decodable words and simple sentences
- Engages with books and other reading materials at an increasingly deeper level, sometimes drawing on their phonic knowledge to decode words, and their knowledge of language structure, subject knowledge and illustrations to interpret the text

### Writing

- Enjoys creating texts to communicate meaning for an increasingly wide range of purposes, such as making greetings cards, tickets, lists, invitations and creating their own stories and books with images and sometimes with words, in print and digital formats
- Gives meaning to the marks they make as they draw, write, paint and type using a keyboard or touch-screen technology

## Maths

### Number

#### Comparison

- Uses number names and symbols when comparing numbers, showing interest in large numbers
- Estimates of numbers of things, showing understanding of relative size

### **Counting**

- Enjoys reciting numbers from 0 to 10 (and beyond) and back from 10 to 0
- Increasingly confident at putting numerals in order 0 to 10 (ordinality)

### **Cardinality**

- Engages in subitising numbers to four and maybe five
- Counts out up to 10 objects from a larger group
- Matches the numeral with a group of items to show how many there are (up to 10)

### **Composition**

- Shows awareness that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers, exploring partitioning in different ways with a wide range of objects

## **Spatial Awareness**

- Uses spatial language, including following and giving directions, using relative terms and describing what they see from different viewpoints
- Investigates turning and flipping objects in order to make shapes fit and create models; predicting and visualising how they will look (spatial reasoning)
- May enjoy making simple maps of familiar and imaginative environments, with landmarks

## **Shape**

- Uses informal language and analogies, (e.g. heart-shaped and hand-shaped leaves), as well as mathematical terms to describe shapes
- Enjoys composing and decomposing shapes, learning which shapes combine to make other shapes
- Uses own ideas to make models of increasing complexity, selecting blocks needed, solving problems and visualising what they will build

## **Measures**

- Enjoys tackling problems involving prediction and discussion of comparisons of length, weight or capacity, paying attention to fairness and accuracy
- Becomes familiar with measuring tools in everyday experiences and play
- Is increasingly able to order and sequence events using everyday language related to time
- Beginning to experience measuring time with timers and calendars

## **Pattern**

- Spots patterns in the environment, beginning to identify the pattern “rule”
- Chooses familiar objects to create and recreate repeating patterns beyond AB patterns and begins to identify the unit of repeat

## **Understanding the World**

### **Past and present**

- Talks about past and present events in their own life and in the lives of family members

### **People and communities**

- Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines
- Knows that other children do not always enjoy the same things, and is sensitive to this
- Knows about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities, cultures and traditions

### **The World**

- Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change in nature
- Knows about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things

- Talks about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another
- Makes observations of animals and plants and explains why some things occur, and talks about changes

## **Technology**

- Completes a simple program on electronic devices
- Uses ICT hardware to interact with age appropriate computer software
- Can create content such as a video recording, stories, and/or draw a picture on screen
- Develops digital literacy skills by being able to access, understand and interact with a range of technologies
- Can use the internet with adult supervision to find and retrieve information of interest to them

## **Expressive arts and design**

### **Creating with materials**

- Begins to build a collection of songs and dances
- Makes music in a range of ways, e.g. plays with sounds creatively, plays along to the beat of the song they are singing or music they are listening to
- Uses their increasing knowledge and understanding of tools and materials to explore their interests and enquiries and develop their thinking
- Develops their own ideas through experimentation with diverse materials, e.g. light, projected image, loose parts, watercolours, powder paint, to express and communicate their discoveries and understanding
- Expresses and communicates working theories, feelings and understandings using a range of art forms, e.g. movement, dance, drama, music and the visual arts.

### **Being imaginative and expressive**

- Creates representations of both imaginary and real-life ideas, events, people and objects
- Initiates new combinations of movements and gestures in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences
- Chooses particular movements, instruments/ sounds, colours and materials for their own imaginative purposes
- Uses combinations of art forms, e.g. moving and singing, making and dramatic play, drawing and talking, constructing and mapping
- Responds imaginatively to art works and objects, e.g. this music sounds like dinosaurs, that sculpture is squishy like this [child physically demonstrates], that peg looks like a mouth
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play
- Plays cooperatively as part of a group to create, develop and act out an imaginary idea or narrative

## **EARLY LEARNING GOALS – Expected levels of development at the end of the EYFS**

### **Personal, social and Emotional Development**

#### **ELG: Self-Regulation**

Children at the expected level of development will: -

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly;
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

#### **ELG: Managing Self**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge;

- Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly;
- Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices

### **ELG: Building Relationships**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others;
- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers;
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

## **Communication and Language**

### **ELG: Listening, Attention and Understanding**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions;
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding;
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

### **ELG: Speaking**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary;
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate;
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

## **Physical development**

### **ELG: Gross Motor Skills**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others;
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing;
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

### **ELG: Fine Motor Skills**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases;
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery;
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

## **Literacy**

### **ELG: Comprehension**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary;
- Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories;

- Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.

### **ELG: Word Reading**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs;
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending;
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

### **ELG: Writing**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed;
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters;
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

## **Maths**

### **ELG: Number**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number;
- **Subitise** (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5;
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

### **ELG: Numerical Patterns**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system;
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity;
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

## **Understanding the World**

### **ELG: Past and Present**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society;
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

### **ELG: People, Culture and Communities**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

### **ELG: The Natural World**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
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### **Expressive arts and design**

#### **ELG: Creating with Materials**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- 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;
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

#### **ELG: Being Imaginative and Expressive**

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher;
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs;
- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.