**Expressive Arts and Design**

At Cambridge we recognise the development of children through art, design, music, dance, drama and the process of developing cultural awareness creates imaginative and creative individuals.

We aim to ensure that there is daily access to the arts and that they have the opportunities to engage in a wide variety of media and materials.

The more opportunities to engage will enable a greater chance that they will develop a deeper understanding and ability to be self expressive with a varied vocabulary and ability to use the arts as a means of communication.

What does this look like in our school?

We share music of all generes and provide the children with instruments and support to make their own music.

We encourage and provide materials to make transient art e.g. pebbles to make patterns in the garden, leaves in a tray, sticks etc.

The children have access to a variety of art materials. Paints pencils, crayons , chalks, modelling materials etc.

We value the importance of process over product, highlighting the skills and techniques used.

We also are aware that expressive arts and design can be used as a vehicle for children to express their emotions.

If the opportunity arises we will invite artists into school.