

Textures

Use this monthly chart for your medium-term and theme planning.

Expressive Arts and Design			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Next steps
Creating with materials	Texture collage	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.	Change the texture of paint by adding different substances to a paint and PVA glue mix. Try sand, rice, orange lentils, oatmeal and glitter. Paint card scraps with the textured paint and add to the texture collage.

Communication and Language			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Next steps
Speaking	Texture treasure baskets	Children 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.	Encourage the children to find items to add to the baskets, and help you make up new baskets.

Physical Development			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Next steps
Fine motor skills	Texture foods	Children use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery.	Organise some blindfold tasting -and supervise the children closely while they feed each other. Can the child identify a food from texture and taste alone?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Next steps
Building relationships	Texture maps	Children work and play cooperatively and take turns with others and form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.	Send home a note or talk to parents and carers, asking if the child can bring in something from home that feels 'hard', or 'soft' - or any item with an interesting texture.
Managing self	Texture matching	Children are confident to try new activities and show independence.	As the children's tactile sense and awareness of texture develops, make texture cards with more subtle differences - such as grades of sandpaper, wallpapers with different raised patterns and different fabrics.

Understanding the World			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Next steps
The natural world	Changing textures	Children will understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Take 'before' and 'after' pictures of different substances before changing their texture. Add labels and caption and turn into posters to display on the wall.