# Hello November! It's proper wrap up and snuggle weather now...

This month we've been keeping warm by getting creative indoors with lots of art! We provide the tools, space and opportunity for children to do art everyday at both of our settings. All works of art by the children are either put up on display or taken home for their families to enjoy.



We are passionate about our children enjoying art because of its many benefits to their life and learning...

## **Sensory Exploration**

Art engages lots of senses, allowing children to explore and experiment with different textures, colours and materials which is wonderful for their sensory development.

## **Creativity and Expression**

Art allows children to express themselves in a non-verbal way and encourages creativity. It helps them to communicate their thoughts and feelings at a stage in their lives when their vocabulary is limited. Art



transcends language barriers.

## **Social Interaction**

Art can be a collaborative activity, encouraging social interaction and teamwork.

## **Fine Motor Skills**

Picking up that pen, crayon or paintbrush requires concentration which is good for developing and improving hand/eye coordination.

## **Decision Making**

Choices have to be made about what to create, how, and most importantly, what fun colours to use. Critical thinking has to be engaged to make those decisions. It's wonderful to see children being bold when faced with a blank page and go for it!

## Focus and Patience

Engaging in art activities teaches patience and the ability to concentrate on a task, both of which are essential for their cognitive development.

## **Early Learning Skills**

Art activities can introduce lots of useful concepts, such as shapes, sizes and







basic science principles. It's wonderful to see children understand the world around them that little bit more through engaging with art.

These are just a few of the reasons we encourage our children to engage with art and get creative! Art matters; it enriches our lives and deepens our understanding of the world and ourselves.

When was the last time you got creative? The world slows down when you put pen or brush to paper.

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