

RESPONSE TIME SHELVES

Offer the best materials ...Offer a rich variety... Group materials together so that they are easy to find...

Brushes and pens in pots seem 'to call' to children rather than if they are in trays... use natural containers (wicker baskets, wooden bowls...)

Enable children to help themselves from start to finish....

<p>Variety of Paints Boxes of water colour paint pots with ready mix paint (use washable paints)</p> <p>small pots with flip lids are good – a small amount of paint can be squeezed out</p> <p>Palettes with dimples and an area to mix paints</p>	<p>Variety of Brushes Provide different sizes; thick and thin brushes different sizes of household paint brushes.. pieces of sponge etc.</p> <p>Pots for holding water (non spill lids are good)</p> <p>Water jug</p> <p>Aprons</p>	<p>Variety of Glue PVA, Pritt sticks, Glue spreaders</p> <p>Sticky tape double sided, sticky pads masking tape...</p> <p>Variety of Scissors good quality, different sizes incl. left handed</p> <p>Rubbers, pencil sharpeners, hole punch, stapler, ruler</p>	<p>Drawing and writing Pencils (including sketching) Biros</p> <p>Felt tip pens and markers Fibre tip pens Coloured pencils Watercolour pencils Wax Crayons Artist's oil pastels and chalk pastels- these have really strong colours (hairspray to fix pastels) Willow charcoal Chalk and boards</p>	<p>Paper A wide selection Different sizes A3 &A4 And some small pieces Different colours white and coloured lined and squared writing paper sugar paper from wallpaper books small notebooks... can keep the paper in magazine files or folders</p>	<p>Specialist Papers Watercolour paper pastel paper Calligraphy paper</p> <p>Card Tissue paper Crepe paper Foil paper</p> <p>Collection of newspapers, magazines for collage etc.</p>
<p>Assorted craft materials in containers Beads, Sequins Glass beads Wooden sticks Pipe cleaners, Straws...</p>	<p>Clay/Modelling material. Traditional clay Newclay, Fymo (Kept as balls in airtight containers) Clay modelling tools and some small boards (eg cork or wooden boards) to work on</p>	<p>Fabrics and Sewing materials Wool, Thread (Using card with slits saves tangles) Merino wool Large needles Canvas for sewing Embroidery Hoops Material scraps, ribbons, string weaving</p>	<p>Natural materials Pebbles, Shells Precious stones Pressed leaves, sticks Willow (needs soaking)</p> <p>A shallow box with sand for placing shells, stones into. A comb scraper to make patterns in the sand</p>	<p>Baskets of construction materials wooden bricks magnetic toys tree blocks (can make own)</p> <p>Wood scraps (can use wood glue, sticky pads and florists wire to fix them together) Small wood clamps, sandpaper</p>	<p>Materials that allow the children to move (particularly helpful for some children with special needs)</p> <p>Feathers/tissue paper circles that can be thrown into the air A basket of scarves Collapsible 'ball' to get into</p>
<p>And some other great additions: finger labyrinth Buddha board (water painting) Wiki stix / waxidoodles / bendaroos kapla blocks (or cheaper IKEA 'Fundera') magna-tiles (from USA) A camera for children (only) to take photos of work</p>	<p>Surfaces for working Trays (can turn them over if a lip gets in the way for drawing)</p> <p>Wipeable mats to roll up (use wipeable upholstery material) Flat plastic place mats (eg from IKEA) but might also need trays for carrying</p> <p>Can use pieces of hardboard cut into 45x60cm rectangles Some small tables for children to kneel at</p>	<p>Cleaning materials (best on separate shelves) Feather duster Dustpan and brush Cloths (for wet and dry) Paper towels, Wet wipes Bucket of water Waste paper basket Polishing liquid and cloths Watering can for plants</p>	<p>A place to store work A folder for each child A place to store things while they dry / that aren't flat</p>	<p>Books A wide variety in relevant places in the room Reference books, maps, different Bibles good story books, picture books, picture cards</p>	<p>Ask the children for ideas...</p> <p>Please email kathrynlord22@gmail.com For other ideas which we can add to this list</p>