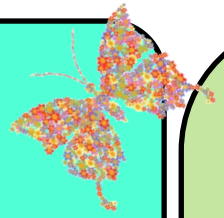
COLLAGE

Collage involves a rearrangement of pre-existing elements, such as cut-up paper of all sorts (newspaper clippings, gift wrap, old book pages, stamps, postcards, etc), as well as various other small items (buttons, pasta, foam, fabric) glued to the surface of the paper, canvas, or wood.



COLLAGE & MIXED MEDIA

Allowing children to create mixed media compositions furthers their understanding of how different materials and techniques can be combined to create different effects.

Collage art is first created through selecting, cutting, and arranging shapes, textures and images from a range of different sources. The arrangement of the components of the collage increases in complexity. Additional materials such as those found in nature are added to develop ideas and increase the effect to suit the purpose of the artwork.

KEY SKILLS

- **Fine motor skills**
- **Cutting neatly and accurately (scissor skills)**
- **Gluing / pasting using a range of mediums.**
- **Properties of materials**
- **Tearing**
- **Overlapping**

Decoupage is the art of decorating an object by gluing coloured paper cut-outs onto it in combination with special paint effects and other decorative elements.

Collage work provides opportunity to think about composition, balance and contrast when creating art.

PROGRESSION

- Sorting and grouping materials according to colour, size, texture etc.
- Manipulating paper to change appearance and texture (tearing, crumpling, folding...)
- Arrange and glue materials neatly to a background.
- Use overlapping and layering to create images and textures.
- Use collage techniques to create images to represent an idea or a theme.
- Add collage to a painted, printed or drawn background.
- Use printed to words to enhance a theme
- Use a range of media to create collages.
- Use different techniques, colours and textures when designing and making a collage composition.

MIXED MEDIA

Mixed media art refers to art that combines a variety of media in a single artwork.
For example, if you draw with ink, then paint over it with watercolours, then add some highlights in coloured pencil - that's mixed media!