Year 2 – Autumn

Planning, designing, making process

Children need to understand the purpose of a puppet. Some children may be adding features to their puppet to capture particular characteristics or expressions.

Children will generate ideas from previous experiences. Think about the movement of the puppet and what triggers its movement.

Design brief: To design and make a hand puppet.

Functional considerations: The puppet needs to fit on your hand and you should be able to move the hands of your puppet using your fingers.

Children need to select tools, materials, equipment and components to help them make their puppet.

- Felt

Felt is a textile material that is produced by matting, condensing and pressing fibres together. It does not fray easily.
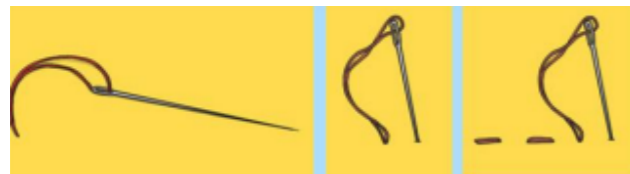
- Needle
- Thread
- Googly eyes

Children need to be able to thread their needle independently and use it safely.

Key vocabulary, knowledge and understanding

Running stitch

Aesthetics – the look of products

Puppeteer – someone who controls the puppet

Function – what the product does (its purpose)

Children can use various decorative features to finish their hand puppet.

Ribbon	Buttons	Beads

Puppetry is an ancient form of artistic expression that is a variation on storytelling or human theatrical productions. Puppetry as an art form is believed to have its roots in ancient cultures, more than 3000 years old.

Key questions

1. Why is felt a good material to be used for our puppet?	a. Because it is soft.	a. Because it comes in lots of colours.	Because its stiff.	b. Because it doesn't fray easily.
2. What is the purpose of a hand puppet?	a. to act as a toy	b. to be used in storytelling	c. to be used as a decoration	d. to be a sculpture
3. Puppetry is an art form. Is it a...	a. New form of art	b. Ancient form of art	c. Colourful form of art	d. Black and white form of art.
4. What is the seam?	a. A piece of fabric	b. A line where two pieces of fabric are sewn together	c. A type of stitch	d. A decorative feature
5. What is an example of a decorative feature?	a. Needle	b. Fabric	c. Buttons	d. Fray

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