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| Bunbury Aldersey CE  Primary School**Rural Church Schools Academy Trust**  Scissor Skills Progression | | | | | | | | |
|  | **1.5 – 2 years old** | **2 – 2.5 years old** | **2.5 – 3 years old** | **3 – 3.5 years old** | **3.5 – 4 years old** | **4 – 4.5 years old** | **4.5 – 5 years old** | **5 – 5.5 years old** |
| **Scissor Skill** | Hold Scissors using 2 hands | Opens/closes scissors with 2 hands  Snips paper | Snips paper moving forward | Using suitable scissors (spring loaded, adult supported etc), cuts fairly straight lines across paper | Using suitable sized scissors, independently cut straight lines across paper | Cuts curved and angled straight lines. | Cuts out circles and squares, turning the paper to support them. | Cuts complex shapes |
| **Expectation** | Child shows and interest in scissors.  Understands that scissors are used to cut paper.  Learns to hold scissors, often using both hands to open and close the blades. | Learns how to open and close the scissors  Begins to make snips on paper with no forward motion on the paper. Opens and closes scissors with the entire hand or 2 hands | Makes snips on the paper and begins to move the scissors across a small piece of paper. | Can hold scissors in the correct grip with support.  Can move the scissors in a straight line across a piece of paper. | Can move the scissors in a straight line.  Independently using thumb and 1 finger | Can cut along a straight and curved line, staying within 1cm of the line. | Can cut out a square or circle shape within 1cm of the cutting line.    Begins to use the ‘helping hand’ to turn the paper while cutting. | Can cut out complex shapes with good accuracy (within 1/2 cm) |
| **Resources** | Child sized safety scissors with supervision at all times. | Child sized safety scissors with supervision at all times.  Child sized safety scissors with sugar paper strips. | Child sized safety scissors with sugar paper/paper strips. | Spring loaded and adult support scissors  Child sized scissors with different sized paper that the children can hold easily (in different shapes) | Child sized scissors.  Paper with 1cm thickness straight lines that are at least 6cm long.  Paper with ¼ inch thickness curved lines that are at least 6 inches long. | Child sized scissors.  Paper with 1cm thickness straight and curved lines that are at least 6cm long. | Child sized scissors.  Paper with circles squares on to cut out. | Child sized scissors.  Paper with complex shapes (regular and irregular including curved and straight lines) |