



## Art

### **Our Ethos**

Our aim is to create a rich learning environment enabling every pupil to fulfil his or her potential. We are passionately committed to the highest possible educational standards with a matching concern for the personal growth and development of each pupil.

### **Intent**

The School motto is 'Learning and Achieving Together'. We believe that all children can make progress to achieve well in art. They will develop confidence and proficiency in this subject to be prepared for the next stage of their education. This subject encourages children's natural curiosity and creativity, develops artistic skills and knowledge and it helps provide, reinforce and extend social and emotional development.

Our aim is to provide pupils with an inspiring and challenging curriculum which gives opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and understanding associated with creating and designing projects. We feel it is vital to nurture creativity, curiosity and innovation through art, and by exploring the world of art in which we all live and work.

Our intent is to ensure all pupils enjoy learning through a creative and imaginative curriculum. Pupils have the opportunity to explore their ideas and record their experiences, as well as exploring the work of others and to evaluate different creative ideas. Pupils will become confident and proficient in a variety of techniques including drawing, painting, sculpting, as well as other selected craft skills (eg collage, printing, weaving and patterns). Pupils will also develop their knowledge of famous artists, designers and craft makers. Pupils will also develop their interest and curiosity about art and design through a series of lessons offering skills progression, knowledge progression and offering pupils the opportunity to ask questions and demonstrate their skills in a variety of ways. The lessons will offer the chance for children to develop their emotional expression through art to further enhance their personal, social and emotional development.

### **Implementation**

#### **Early Years**

Early Years provides an important foundation for the initial development of artistic technique and the development of creative thinking. It extends and broadens the child's home experience, enabling the child to explore a wide variety of tools, materials and mediums. Some of these experiences will be structured and the children will be encouraged to talk about their observations and ideas with the adults working with them, others will arise from an exploration of their environment.

#### **Key Stage One**

Children will carry out more structured activities based around a cross curriculum theme or a specific project that meets the objective requirements. They will explore and develop skills in designing, creating and evaluating a project. Emphasis will be placed upon the increased accuracy of mark marking, motor skills and dexterity. The range of tools, techniques and mediums explored will be expanded. Sketching skills and using observational skills to create artworks will be enhanced.

## **Key Stage Two**

Pupils will build upon their knowledge and skills developed in Key Stage 1. They will base their creative ideas and projects on a specific cross curriculum KS2 topic (or theme) or a specific project that meets the objective requirements. Pupils will also build upon and develop their technical knowledge in areas such as:

- \* Creating, researching, and developing ideas based on a specific artist's work.
- \* Generating and communicating ideas through sketches, diagrams, models and IT
- \* Selecting appropriate tools and materials from a wide range
- \* Completion of tasks using increased dexterity and accuracy
- \* Discussing and evaluating their finished projects.

## **Impact**

Children engage enthusiastically with art whilst gaining experience of creativity using various media, technique and tools (including sketching, collage, paint, sculpture, IT, dance and music). Pupils have the opportunity to build their artistic skills in a clearly taught progression that enables them to be successful in further art studies.

Creativity and the use of artistic skills are applied across the curriculum in every year group so that pupils have diverse opportunities to apply their skills, curiosity and enthusiasm in different and varied contexts.