



St Ann's R.C. Primary School

Art Curriculum Intent

At St Ann's R.C. Primary School, our intent for Art and Design is to provide a rich, inspiring and inclusive curriculum that nurtures creativity, curiosity and confidence. Through art, craft and design, children learn to express themselves, explore the beauty of God's creation, and understand how creativity reflects the diversity, dignity and experiences of people across cultures and throughout history.

Guided by our values of Love, Respect and Service, pupils develop an appreciation of art as a way to understand others, respond to the world around them and contribute positively to their community.

We aim to ensure that all children engage in meaningful artistic experiences that motivate them to experiment, take risks and persevere.

As pupils progress, they are taught to think critically and creatively, understanding how art and design shape, and are shaped by, culture, identity, faith and society. They learn how artists respond to significant events, beliefs and social issues, helping them appreciate the power of art to communicate messages of justice, peace and solidarity.

It is important that children study a diverse range of artists, craft makers and designers so they can recognise how artistic movements develop over time and so that they can be inspired to see themselves as future creators.

Implementation

Our Art and Design curriculum is structured to provide a clear progression of skills and knowledge from EYFS to Year 6.

- **Progressive Skill Development:** Children build competence in drawing, painting, sculpture, printing, textiles and digital media, with skills revisited and deepened over time.
- **Exploration and Experimentation:** Lessons encourage hands-on experience with a variety of tools and materials, enabling children to explore ideas and develop personal responses.
- **Critical Thinking and Evaluation:** Pupils learn to analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others using accurate artistic vocabulary.

- **Artist Study:** Each unit includes exposure to significant artists, craft makers and designers from a range of cultures, time periods and backgrounds.
- **Inclusive Provision:** Adaptations and scaffolds ensure all learners can access and excel within the art curriculum.
- **Values and Spiritual Development:** Children are encouraged to reflect on how art expresses spirituality, emotion and the beauty of God's creation.

Impact

The impact of our Art and Design curriculum is monitored through ongoing formative assessment, pupil voice, sketchbook review and outcome evaluation.

Our curriculum aims to:

- Ensure children leave St Ann's as confident, reflective and expressive artists who can communicate ideas creatively and with purpose.
- Develop technical proficiency across a wide range of artistic media and processes
- Enable pupils to evaluate and refine their work thoughtfully, using appropriate vocabulary and demonstrating pride in their achievements.
- Foster resilience, independence and imagination—personal qualities that support learning across the curriculum and beyond.
- Support pupils to recognise how art shapes culture and society, deepening their understanding of diversity, identity and the wider world.
- Build a secure knowledge of influential artists and designers so children understand the historical and cultural significance of art forms.
- Encourage children to value creativity as a meaningful way to express emotion, celebrate beauty, and reflect the Christian values of the school community.

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