

"Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness."

- Anni Albers



INTENT

Children will be engaged, inspired and challenged, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent, and create their own works of art, craft and design, and develop an understanding and appreciation. All pupils will be able to produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences; become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

IMPLEMENTATION

Children are taught a series of blocked lessons for explicit art projects. The skills and knowledge that children will develop throughout each art topic are mapped across each year group and through the school to ensure progression - both in skills and an understanding of the development of links in art history. By focussing on specific art skills, progressing through the Key Stages, they are able to effectively generate ideas, build in the knowledge of art history and evaluate their work. Coordinated whole-school project work ensures that art retains a high profile in the school with art workshops; links to local art institutions; scheduled trips to galleries and local artists; regular art theme assemblies; together with links to home as competitions and clubs.

IMPACT

Children will be able to demonstrate their understanding through critical discussion at three key points in an art project unit: at the start, middle and end. Displays within the classroom and hall areas will reflect the process as well as final artwork: a range of work across key stages will celebrate and exhibit the work of children, of all abilities. It is recognised that sketchbooks play a key role in demonstrating a progression of skills and children understand that learning in art is a journey which can be more about the process rather than the outcome. These have a high priority in KS2 and are used to record: ideas, research about artists, skills development and reflections.