



St Anne's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Art & Design Curriculum

Intent

At St Anne's we believe art is a vital part of children's education and has a significant and valuable role within the curriculum, as well as the enrichment opportunities we offer our pupils. Our art curriculum has been designed to develop children's critical abilities and understanding of their locality and cultural heritages through studying a diverse range of artists. Children will develop their understanding of the visual language of art with effective teaching and considered sequences of lessons and experiences. Understanding of the visual elements of art and design (line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape, 3D form) will be developed by providing a curriculum which will enable children to reach their full potential.

Implementation

The skills and knowledge that children will develop throughout each art topic have been carefully mapped across each year group and are progressive throughout the school. The emphasis on knowledge ensures that children understand the context of artwork, as well as the artists that they are learning about and being inspired by. This enables links to other curriculum areas, including humanities, with children developing a considerable knowledge of individual artists as well as individual work and art movements. Art lessons are taught as a block to allow for the development of artistic skills throughout the week and to give children opportunities to express their creative imagination, as well as practise and develop mastery in the key process of art: drawing, painting, printing, textiles and sculpture. The school's high-quality art curriculum is supported through the availability of a wide range of quality resources, which are used to support children's creativity and build confidence in the use of different media. The school's unique locality is also utilised, with planned opportunities for learning outside of the classroom, as well as the links we have created with secondary schools and adults with specialist skills from the local and wider community.



Impact

The weekly blocked structure of the art curriculum ensures children are able to develop their knowledge and understanding of the work of artists, craftspeople and designers from a range of times and cultures and apply this knowledge to their own work. The consistent use of children's sketchbooks means that children are able to review, modify and develop their initial ideas in order to achieve high quality outcomes. Children learn to understand and apply the key principles of art: line, tone, texture, shape, form, space, pattern, colour, contrast, composition, proportion and perspective. The opportunity for children to refine and develop their techniques over time is supported by effective lesson sequencing and progression between year groups. This also supports children in achieving age related expectations by the end of their cohort year. School displays reflect the children's sense of pride in their artwork and this is also demonstrated by creative outcomes across the wider curriculum. The Art curriculum at St Anne's contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, judgement and self-reflection. Children will achieve age related expectations in art at the end of their cohort year.