

# Fulmer Infant School

## Art & Design Curriculum Policy



### Intent

The intent of our Art curriculum at Fulmer Infant School is to ignite creativity, encourage self-expression, and foster a love for the visual arts among our youngest learners. We aim to provide a broad and rich artistic experience that nurtures children's imagination while developing essential skills and processes necessary for artistic creation, including observation, manipulation, and critical thinking.

Our curriculum is designed to align with the Early Years Foundation Stage and National Curriculum guidelines and is underpinned by the following key aims:

- **Encouraging Exploration:** We prioritise allowing children to explore diverse concepts, materials, and techniques, enabling them to express their individual ideas and emotions effectively.
- **Cultivating Cultural Awareness:** We expose pupils to various artistic styles, including but not limited to Impressionism, Abstract, and Traditional Art Forms, enhancing their appreciation for both local and global art heritage.
- **Developing Artistic Skills:** Through structured activities, we teach key skills including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and collage, ensuring that children develop a foundational understanding of artistic processes such as colour mixing, texture creation, and composition.
- **Promoting Collaboration:** We encourage children to work together on projects, fostering teamwork and communication skills, while appreciating the value of shared creativity.

### Implementation

To deliver our Art curriculum effectively, we employ a range of strategies that adhere to best practices associated with outstanding educational provision:

- **Thematic Units:** Art is integrated into thematic learning units across the school, enabling children to relate their art experiences to different subjects, fostering a holistic understanding of knowledge and creativity.
- **Diverse Art Forms:** Teachers introduce various art forms, including drawing, painting, printmaking, digital art, and sculpture, to ensure a comprehensive skill set.
- **Skill Progression:** We have a clear progression of skills embedded in our planning, allowing children to build upon their previous knowledge and experiences as they move through the year groups. Skills are developed through step-by-step processes guiding children from initial ideation to completed artworks.
- **Cross-Curricular Connections:** Art activities are closely linked to the broader curriculum, encouraging children to use their artistic skills to express their

understanding in other subjects, such as creating illustrations for stories in English or designing patterns related to Maths.

- **Inclusive Practices:** We differentiate our lessons to cater for the diverse needs of all students, ensuring every child, regardless of ability or background, is supported and can experience success in their artistic endeavours.

### **Impact**

The impact of our Art curriculum is evident in various ways, providing clear and measurable outcomes for our pupils:

- **Enhanced Creativity and Self-Expression:** Through regular engagement with art, children demonstrate increased creativity and confidence in sharing their own ideas and interpretations of the world around them.
- **Skill Development:** Formative assessments, along with children's portfolios showcasing their progression over time, indicate significant improvements in both their practical skills and critical understanding of art concepts and processes.
- **Cultural Appreciation:** Children express an understanding and appreciation for different cultures through their artwork and discussions, reflecting a greater awareness of the world's diversity.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Evidence from group projects shows that children work harmoniously together, sharing ideas and resources, which reinforces their social development.
- **Positive Attitudes Towards Learning:** Our observations indicate that children look forward to Art lessons, showcasing high levels of engagement and enthusiasm, which contributes positively to their overall educational experience.

In conclusion, the Art curriculum at Fulmer Infant School is designed to inspire, engage, and develop our pupils as creative, confident individuals who can express their thoughts and feelings through various art forms, making a significant contribution to their overall development.

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