

Art and Design

Our Art and Design curriculum is ambitious and inspires pupils to develop their artistic skills and knowledge, leaving them curious to find out more. We believe that Art and Design contributes to the development of the whole child emotionally, physically, socially, and cognitively. We believe that every child at Thistly Meadow has the potential to be an artist and for the arts to enrich their lives.

Art and Design is an avenue for children to explore their curiosity, express themselves imaginatively, develop critical thinking skills, craft works of art, and develop an interest in great artists, alongside developing technical skills in: drawing, painting, photography, textiles, sculpting and installation.

Our curriculum inspires our pupils to be brave with colour, material and mediums to create high quality physical and visual art pieces. Through the curriculum, our pupils will enjoy learning about and critiquing the work of great artists in order to gain a deeper understanding of different types of art.

We aim to develop creative, confident artists and to inspire a love of art for all.

Intent

To give our children the opportunity to be involved in, enjoy, understand and appreciate the visual arts and enable them to build the creative skills needed to reach their full potential using the language of art. The Art and Design Curriculum is designed to blend the development of technical knowledge and skills with an understanding and appreciation of a wide range of art and design spanning different eras, disciplines, traditions, styles and artists.

The knowledge of the curriculum is broken down into the following key strands, covering all aspects of the National Curriculum:

Art and Design Techniques:

Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Collage, Printing, Digital Media

Contextual Knowledge:

Artists & Their Work, Art History, traditions, styles and movements

Producing:

Inspiring, researching and exploring,

Use of Sketchbooks

Evaluating and Analysing:

Reflecting and Evaluating, Language of Art and Design

Our Art and Design curriculum will enable pupils to:

- Research and learn about great artists
- Experiment with a variety of skills using a range of media
- Make design decisions by developing sketchbooks
- Imitate the work of artists
- Create high quality pieces of artwork
- Reflect on, evaluate and critique their own work and work of others

Implementation

Art and Design is taught by the children's class teacher, with some units delivered by a specialist. Units are taught across a series of lessons, with a focus on developing a particular area of art and design.

Using a combination of units from the Kapow scheme and units written by an art specialist, Pupils are exposed to many visual, tactile, and sensory experiences. Real life artists demonstrate their work to pupils on video clips which provides excellent modelling to teaching staff and pupils. A local artist regularly undertakes exciting large scale projects across the school in addition to our curriculum work.

Impact

Our Art & Design Curriculum is planned to demonstrate progression both with knowledge and understanding and the development of skills. Children record their artwork in a sketchbook, allowing progress to be easily monitored across the year and between phases.

The impact of our curriculum will be monitored through the following methods:

- A reflection on standards achieved against the planned outcomes
- Opportunities for self and peer evaluation;
- Pupil / Teacher discussions about their learning.
- Whole school monitoring by subject leader and head teacher

Our school displays are vibrant, often celebrating high standards in Art and Design. Children are proud of their books and their work is regularly showcased in assemblies and on our school's Facebook page, where we share work with parents and our community.