



Art Curriculum Intent

Intent:

Here at St. Nicholas we are committed to enabling and inspiring children to create their own works of art. We aim to develop their confidence and belief in their own ability to flourish and create pieces of art that they can be proud of. We want children to be enthusiastic about art and nurture their talents by providing opportunities to use art in various topics. We endeavour to enhance children's curiosity as they become aware of the beauty around them and appreciate the complexity of the world around them. We understand that children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum and ART is an integral part of it. It is our vision that children not only enjoy art but also become proficient in skills like critically analysing art work and being able to use artistic language and vocabulary.

Implementation:

The teaching and implementation of the Art and Design Curriculum at St. Nicholas is based on the National Curriculum in KS1 and KS2 and Development Matters in EYFS and are both linked to topics wherever possible to ensure a well-structured approach to this creative subject. We teach a skills-based art curriculum, which allows the children to express their creative imagination as well as providing them with the opportunities to practise and develop mastery in the key processes of art. This is supported through the studying of art work by different artists and the development of knowledge of their work. We strive to make important links to various topics so children can see the role of art in our everyday lives, community, the wider world and history. It is linked where possible to periods in history, computing topics, geography and is also learnt as stand-alone units to develop techniques, ideas and learn about artists. We have now implemented the use of sketchbooks from Key Stage 1 onwards to enable children to explore ideas, practise skills and keep a record of children's learning.

We teach Art termly. It is up to our teachers' judgement and experience to plan a sequence of effective lessons to ensure progression in skills of painting, printing, drawing, texture, sculpture, use of various media as outlined in the curriculum overview and skills document.

In EYFS we follow the expressive arts and design curriculum which enables children to develop their fine and gross motor skills while being creative. Children are allowed to use a

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variety of art media like paint, a variety of materials as well as digital media to create drawings, collages and paintings. Children are provided with the opportunity to make sculptures using junk modelling and playdough.

Impact:

As a result of our vision and curriculum, children here at St. Nicholas are enthusiastic about art lessons and enjoy creating art work. We measure the impact of our curriculum by assessing children's understanding of topic linked vocabulary, observing children's practical learning, interviewing the pupils about their learning (pupil voice), moderation staff meetings where pupil's sketch books are scrutinised and there is the opportunity for a dialogue between teachers to understand their class's work.. We Celebrate children's work through displays in classrooms, school-hall and website.

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