Curriculum Intent and Implementation – Art

School Curriculum Intent

At St Peter's, every child will live, love and learn in an environment founded upon moral and Christian values; they will leave the school with the knowledge and skills to be lifelong learners and rounded citizens and with the ability to make a positive contribution to their future society.

All that we do is founded upon a clear set of shared values, from which our motto is derived: Together We Believe, Aspire And Achieve.

Subject Curriculum Intent

Art and Design provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend skills and an opportunity to express their individual interests, thought and ideas. Through art and design we aim to engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. The children will also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Art at St Peter's will where possible be taught through strong curriculum links with an often History and Geography-led curriculum. In some cases it will be taught through standalone topics. The children will learn about past artists such as L.S Lowry and Monet, and modern artists such as Banksy and local visiting artists in residence.

At St Peter's Primary School we value the importance of art provision to nurture the whole child. It allows children to develop in confidence and supports their mental health and well-being.

We believe art allows each individual to use their imagination to inspire their creativity, take risks and extend their cultural understanding. This will promote enjoyable, memorable learning experiences and develop an individual's spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding of the world in which they live.

Threads of the subject

Pupils will be taught to use a range of techniques and materials creatively to design and make products. They will be encouraged to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. They will learn about a range of artists, craft makers and designers. Through this teaching and learning will focus on painting, drawing, sculpture, colour, pattern, materials, works of artists and sketchbooks.

What a child experiences in this subject going through St Peter's

Throughout their learning journey, children at St Peter's will experience a range of teaching and learning opportunities, themed days and visits from artists with accompanying workshops. The school encourages and promotes home learning challenges linked to special occasions and themed days where children's work is celebrated and displayed for peers, parents and the wider community to admire. Confidence, imagination, individuality and a sense of achievement is promoted through the art curriculum. We want children to be resilient, to believe in themselves and their capabilities and to be independent.

They will be given opportunities to experiment, develop skills and use a range of materials and techniques. Children will be encouraged to aspire to be actively involved and engage in their own learning, through creative approaches to learning with strong cross-curricular links when appropriate.

In the Early years children explore the skills of art through mark, making, drawing, painting, printing, collage, media and model making and colour mixing.

In Key Stage 1 children are given opportunities to develop creative and imaginative ideas. They are taught to include more detail and information to their work.
Pupils will be taught:

- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

In Key Stage 2

Key stage 2 Pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design. Pupils will be taught:

- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history.