

Art and Design

Introduction



Nurturing ambition through a living faith in Art and Design at Darwen St James' is –

Nurture –

At Darwen St James, Art and Design is recognised as one of the highest forms of creativity. As Art and Design is in the world around us, we feel it is important to teach the necessary skills to enable children to communicate their thoughts, ideas and observations in a practical and expressive way. We encourage children, through the Access Art Scheme of Work to explore, analyse, exchange and present an assortment of art work in a range of different ways using a variety of tools and equipment. We also help them develop the necessary skills for discussing art in effective way, talking about art and evaluating their own and others' work. Children are encouraged to develop their visual language, ideas and feelings which is a major part of enabling children to be confident, creative and independent learners.

Ambition –

Art and Design is available throughout the whole of our school, starting with our creative displays in the main entrance. This provides staff, children, parents and visitors with a snapshot of life at Darwen St James. Every classroom has art on display on it's Knowledge Board when being taught, and it is also used across the curriculum to enhance or support learning. We have whole school art projects linked in with PSHE and festivities throughout the year. We encourage all students to take risks with their work and to try new things during Art and Design Lessons.

Faith – We have chosen 5 whole school values to live out through our actions and deeds. These values are Perseverance, Courage, Hope, Love and Friendship. We teach the children that these values apply to art and design throughout the school. Children are taught about being respectful and kind to others when reflecting and evaluating work, they are also encourage to persevere with work.

Citizens

We understand that Art and Design plays a role in society. Children know how art and design both reflect and shape our history and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. Our aim is to provide our pupils with the skills they will need to progress in the world. This includes things like expressing, reflecting and evaluating in a confident and respectful way.

