



What does Art look like at Elliston Primary?

Intent

At Elliston Primary Academy, we value Art and Design as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. Art and Design provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend skills and an opportunity to express their individual interests, thoughts and ideas.

Our Art and Design curriculum engages, inspires and challenges children, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent, create and critique their own works of art and design as well as those of others. The children learn to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They recognise how it can reflect our history, and contribute to the culture and creativity our nation through studying a range of significant artists.

Implementation

At Elliston, we are committed to providing a quality Art and Design curriculum.

This is implemented through:

- a whole school, two yearly overview of the Art and Design curriculum, which allows for progression across phases.
- Art and Design being a focus for the Autumn and Summer terms in each cycle of the curriculum, providing children with the opportunity to master the skills, knowledge and concepts taught.
- Art and Design being linked where possible to other aspects of the curriculum.
- teachers being supported with their subject and pedagogical knowledge through resources from the Chris Quigley Amazing Art and unit plans developed by the Art subject lead.
- teachers being given ownership and flexibility to plan for art; often teaching it as a block of lessons to allow the time needed for the children to be critical, thoughtful and reflective of their work.
- a range of skills and techniques being taught ensure that children become proficient in working with the mediums of pencil, paint, charcoal and clay
- children are introduced to specific artists, through the curriculum, which help them to develop an appreciation of human creativity and achievement and increase the cultural capital from which they can draw in the future

Impact

Art and Design teaching develops practical skills as well as the ability to question, evaluate and critique, which are essential for our pupils when they are with us as well as when they move on to the next stage in their education and beyond. At Elliston, children develop a love and appreciation of art. They understand it is a form of self-expression and through engaging with their emotional side their mental health and well-being is supported. The children develop knowledge of artists and the work they have produced, as well as its historical context.

Children's skills and knowledge are assessed continually by the class teacher, throughout lessons. This informs the Art and Design leader of any further areas for curriculum development, pupil support and/or training requirements for staff.

