

Art & Design – language and visual literacy

Research shows that daily reading is the single most important action you can take to achieve more across subjects. Art & Design is not just a subject about 'doing'; it is equally important to be able to talk and write about art: you need to be able to discuss ('critique') the art you create; your friends' artwork, and the famous works you might see in a gallery or museum.

We can only learn to talk about art by building our subject vocabulary – this can be achieved through reading. In Art & Design lessons, you will use vocabulary walls, literature and online information to build your language skills. Through reading, you will quickly become an excellent art critic and impress the people around you with your art knowledge and skills!

Vocabulary wall – always look around your classroom at the art displays at the Academy, to gather good vocabulary.

Art library – we have an extensive art library in the art studio as well as in our school library.

Online – You have access to an Art & Design page on the Academy website; use this to find out more about specific art or artists. There is an extensive list of websites that are full of useful information about Art & Design.

