

# Art and Design

We are currently on the journey towards our sixth Artsmark (Gold for previous five) which emphasizes our continued commitment to provide resources and opportunities for our children to enjoy, achieve and aspire within all areas of the arts.

In art and design we teach children skills and techniques discreetly and set with worthwhile contexts. Children investigate the crafts and work of artists through research and by working alongside artists' themselves, during Creative Week for example. Our children are given opportunities to work independently and collaboratively supporting cross-curricular skills and enabling Personal, Social, Emotional, and Spiritual and of course Cultural development. Encouraging children to be part of the 'Presentation' of their work through displays and performance provides ownership, a sense of achievement and promotes confidence for the children.

We offer Arts Award 'Discover' level to one year group each year. This enables the children to acknowledge the different creative arts and recognize their experience of them in and out of school. They find out about artists and their work, often working alongside professionals and they share their experiences with others through a performance or exhibition, gaining a certificate at the end.

This award provides a great introduction to the arts and to other Arts Award levels. The structure of the Arts Award will continue to be available to children as they progress through Middle School and Shelley College. This then is not a stand-alone qualification.

We take part in competitions that are aimed at our children. Usually the children work on their entries independently, at home or during Art Club time in school. For example, National Doodle Day – which takes place in Spring and our local community art exhibition, and church art festival. As well as curriculum time out of school clubs, art club, textile club, ICT etc. are available and are run by staff and parents.

Feedback from children themselves tell us Art and Design are activities they not only enjoy but are memorable.



Key Websites; -

[link to 2014 art and design national curriculum](#)

[Link to EYFS statutory framework 2012](#)

[Link to Yorkshire Sculpture Park](#)

[Link to learning at The National Gallery](#)

[Link to learning at the Hepworth Wakefield](#)

[Link to learning at Tate Modern](#)