



St Maria Goretti Catholic Primary School

Art Policy

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These aims are intended for all children in school. How they are implemented will depend upon the age and ability of the children.

- To provide children with opportunities to express themselves confidently in emotional terms through their art experiences.
- To provide children with the opportunity to have an enriched experience of the visual and tactile world in which they live.
- To ensure the children learn a range of pertinent skills so that they develop an expertise in using both materials and equipment, therefore enabling the realisation of their ideas.
- To develop the children's patience and persistence to realise their ideas and to recognise the possibility of making mistakes without the feeling of a sense of failure.
- To develop an understanding of the work of artists, makers and designers from their own and other cultures and to apply this knowledge to their own work.
- To develop the children's capabilities in ICT by working with digital art forms.
- To involve children in learning an artistic visual vocabulary so that their expertise in the application of visual perception and in communicating visually is increased.

The school uses a variety of teaching and learning styles in Art and Design lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children's knowledge, skills and understanding in art and design. We ensure that the act of investigating and making something includes exploring and developing ideas and evaluating and developing work. We do this best through a mixture of whole class teaching and individual/group activities. Teachers draw attention to good examples of individual performance as models for the other children. They encourage children to evaluate their own ideas and methods, and the work of others, and say what they think and feel about them. We give children the opportunity within lessons to work on their own and collaborate with others, on projects in two and three dimensions and on different scales. Children also have the opportunity to use a wide range of materials and resources, including ICT.

At St Maria Goretti Catholic Primary School, we use the Key Learning documents for Art and Design when planning cross curricular teaching and learning.

Our curriculum flows throughout the whole school. In the first half term you will find all children studying drawing and the progression of skills is developed throughout the school. We ensure that the children are exposed to a variety of techniques and differing media through a range of experiences including drawing, digital media, painting, printing, textiles, 3-D sculpture and collage.

Specific skills and techniques in art are taught separately before being applied in a cross-curricular way.

The Foundation Stage

We ensure an emphasis on creative work in the reception class as this is part of the Foundation Stage curriculum. We relate the creative development of the children to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five. The children's learning includes art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play. The range of experience encourages children to make connections between one area of learning and another and so extends their understanding. We provide a rich environment in which we encourage and value creativity. Children experience a wide range of activities that they respond to, using the various senses. The activities that they take part in are imaginative and enjoyable.

Curriculum Overview and Progression

Art and Design is a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. At St Maria Goretti Catholic Primary School, we use a skills-based scheme of work, which ensures progression whilst enabling creative cross-curricular links.

Our medium-term plans give details of skills taught each. We plan the activities in Art and Design so that they build upon the prior learning of the children. While we give children of all abilities opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding, we also build planned progression into the scheme of work, so that there is an increasing challenge for the children as they move up through the school.

- Every year, there opportunity to enrich their understanding of the work of artists, makers and designers.
- Opportunities have been provided for children to exhibit their work in the community.
- Children's work is shown on the online gallery on the school website.

Assessment, Recording and Reporting

Assessment forms part of a continuous teaching and learning process based on work produced throughout the year. Assessment of activities is carried out through observation and discussion with individuals at the end of each unit of work. Throughout lesson, children will begin to develop the ability to appraise their own work and the work of others. In the foundation stage, children are assessed using the EYFS Profile.

Inclusion including meeting the needs of SEN pupils and children entitled to PP funding

We provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child. We achieve this through a range of strategies:

- setting common tasks that are open-ended and can have a variety of responses;
- setting tasks of increasing difficulty where not all children complete all tasks;
- providing a range of challenges with different resources;
- using additional adults to support the work of individual children or small groups.

Resources

We have a wide range of resources to support the teaching of art and design across the school. All our classrooms have a range of basic resources. A wide range of mark-making implements, and more specialised equipment is stored in the central resource room.

Health and Safety

Any activities that pose a risk to the wellbeing of children will be subject to a risk assessment.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of the Art and Design subject leader are:

- to monitor and evaluate the teaching of Art and Design;
- to report to the Head Teacher and governors as requested;
- to deliver CPD training to colleagues;
- to create links with arts organisations and artists in the community;
- to organise whole-school events;
- to ensure resources remain well stocked.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring of the standards of children's work and of the quality of teaching in Art and Design is the responsibility of the Art and Design subject leader. The work of the subject leader also involves supporting colleagues in the teaching of Art and Design, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school. The Art and Design subject leader compiles an annual action plan that evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in the subject and indicates areas for further improvement. She/he reports to governors as requested and liaises with the curriculum lead. The Art and Design subject leader is provided with specially allocated time, which is used to undertake lesson observations of Art and Design teaching across the school.