



St Mary's Church of England (A) Primary School.

Living, loving, learning in God's care.

Our School Vision and Mission

Vision Statement

Our St Mary's church school family lives by the life and teachings of Jesus. We provide a safe and loving environment, whilst aspiring for all children to achieve their full potential within God's care.

Mission Statement

O Lord, teach me how you want me to live! Psalm 86:11

This scripture verse reminds us that our Christian values underpin how we live and how we learn, through a unique and deep curriculum, grounded in God's love.

The school will put safety and wellbeing at the centre of everything we do. Through our vision, values and motto our mission is to:

- Develop the children academically, creatively and spiritually through a high quality, stimulating and memorable curriculum, that celebrates difference and values everyone
- Encourage each child's knowledge and skills, through experiences to reach their full potential and to instil a life-long love of learning
- Share our school with the church and community to further develop religious literacy
- Foster a deeper understanding of other faiths and cultures and encourage attitudes of tolerance, democracy and advocacy

Statement of Intent for Art

Intent

"Art is not just a subject to learn, but an activity that you can practice with your hands, your eyes and your whole personality."

Quentin Blake, Children's Laureate

At St Mary's School we aim to encourage the children to develop their creativity, imagination and self-expression as they explore a range of different artists and artistic styles. Children are encouraged to explore and review a wide range of artistic works before they create their own individual or group works. Children explore art through all their senses and it enables them to express how they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form and pattern. Art enables the children to respond to the world around them through visual, tactile and sensory experiences.

In line with the National Curriculum objectives for music, our intent is that all pupils -

- Produce creative and imaginative work, which explores their ideas and experiences.
- Develop their appreciation of work produced by a range of artists and to create work which reflects their understanding of the techniques that have been used.
- Develop an understanding of how to use a variety of different media such as paints, clay, textiles and pastels to create works of art.
- Explore art from different historical and ethical backgrounds and to incorporate some of the features of these into their own art work.
- Develop and use the language of art as they explore and evaluate pieces of art.

Implementation

At St Mary's children are taught art through the context of their topic work. They always start by exploring works of art by other artists as they develop their skills and techniques through focused tasks. The children then produce

works of art which are individual to them and reflect their personalities and experiences. Children are given the opportunity to revisit and develop their artistic skills as they revisit aspects of the curriculum.

Children develop the language of art and they are able to reflect and evaluate their work and the work of others.

Art work is given pride of place within the school environment and it is changed regularly to reflect the aspects that the children have been exploring.

Children with Special Educational Needs are encouraged and supported through careful differentiation and support. Children who develop a particular love of art are encouraged to develop this through additional after school clubs.

Within the Early Years, children are encouraged to explore a range of focused art activities and they develop their understanding of how to use equipment and materials effectively. They also have access to art materials within the continuous provision so they can create their own works of art.

Impact

By the time children leave St Mary's they will have -

- Moved through the program of studies at roughly the same pace as their peers. Children are encouraged to go on their own artistic journeys as they discover areas of strength and aspects that they would like to further develop in the future.
- Developed their confidence and self-esteem as create works of art using a variety of different media.
- Have an understanding of the different aspects and elements of art and be able to use the language of art when evaluating their work.
- Develop an appreciation of art and artistic styles. They will be able to appreciate it in their own ways, for example viewing works of art or creating works of art.
- Have an understanding of the culture and history of different artistic styles from around the world.