

# Our vision and principles for Art



***“ I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness,”***

John 10:10

## **Our Vision and Mission**

St. Peter's CE Primary School has been at the heart of the community for over 200 years and continues to play an important role in the lives of children and their families in Heysham. Our vision is to see our children go out into the world with the skills and confidence to succeed and the love, compassion and advocacy to make a positive impact on the world around them.

It is our aim to enable every member of our school family to flourish and live *life in all its fullness* by:

- Teaching a broad and balanced curriculum
- Holistically nurturing and developing our children
- Helping those in need through loving service
- Confronting injustice in our world
- Caring for creation

In order to achieve this, we will continually ask ourselves:

- What is the source of our fullness?
- What will I be like if I am flourishing?
- What will we be like as a community, and how will we affect those around us, if we are flourishing?



## What do we want children to learn in order for each child to flourish?

At St. Peter's we strongly believe that Art and Design plays a truly vital role in children's education. Through high quality, well-sequenced learning opportunities, that build on prior knowledge, and effective teaching we want our pupils to learn how to successfully control a wide range of 2D and 3D media and study a diverse range of artists. Children will learn the skills of drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, textiles, sculpture and digital art. Children will work expressively and imaginatively and will be encouraged to record from observation, to have the confidence to explore and take risks and develop a sense of wonder about the world around them. The children will develop their knowledge of different artistic styles, and traditions, and will be equipped with the vocabulary to evaluate their own and others' work. The school's unique locality is utilised with planned opportunities for creating art work outside of the classroom.

Through our Art curriculum we intend that all our pupils will have many opportunities to flourish!

## How do we teach our Art Curriculum – what does Art look like at St Peter's?

We have creative and passionate teachers who teach an Art and Design unit of work each term, in each class. Throughout each Key Stage, the children will have opportunities to focus on drawing, painting, printing, collage, textiles, sculpture and digital art. They will be introduced to a wide range of artistic media and materials and learn about different practitioners, from different times and cultures. Teachers, and teaching assistants, are able to model processes and techniques and guide each child to independence, at the pace right for them. The resources and activities will be chosen to support the children's learning and there will be ample time to master skills and allow the children to flourish in this subject. There is a very strong emphasis on the progression of knowledge and developing the pupils' skills in our planning which has been structured in an ambitious and purposeful way.

Carefully selected enrichment opportunities will enhance the pupils' learning. These will include, where appropriate, working with outside agencies and allied professionals, as well as providing opportunities for the children to have their work displayed as part of a 'class gallery experience'.

Children from Year 2 onwards, will be encouraged to use their sketch books and each unit of Art and Design will incorporate drawing skills.

The Subject Leader will closely monitor the teaching of this subject and provide any necessary expertise and support. They will be instrumental in the team-teaching of specific units of work.

The art work of all children is celebrated in school, and the wider community.

How do we know what children have learnt? How do we know learning has 'stuck'?

The impact of our Art and Design curriculum is measured in how the pupils' have developed their knowledge, understanding and skills of different art forms and how they are able to talk about what they, and others' have created with a real passion for the subject.