

Art

Rationale

At Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery School, our Art curriculum is crafted with the aim of inspiring pupils and nurturing their confidence to explore, experiment, and invent their own works of art. We are committed to providing every child with opportunities to develop their artistic abilities, cultivate their talents and interests, and express their unique ideas.

Intent

Inspiration and Creativity:

- We strive to foster a love for art, ensuring that all children are excited and inspired to engage with their creativity.
- Our curriculum encourages students to explore their ideas freely and record their experiences through various artistic mediums.

Skill Development:

- Pupils will become proficient in a range of artistic techniques, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and other forms of art, craft, and design.
- The curriculum is designed to enable children to learn new skills progressively, building a solid foundation for their artistic journey.

Critical Thinking:

- As students progress, they will develop a critical understanding of art and design, learning to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft, and design.
- This critical thinking extends to understanding how art and design reflect and shape history, contributing to the culture, creativity, and wealth of our nation.

Exposure to Diversity:

- We believe in exposing our students to a diverse range of artistic styles and perspectives, both contemporary and classic.
- The curriculum aims to broaden children's worldviews by introducing them to great artists, craft makers, and designers from various cultures and historical periods.

Progression and Improvement:

- Our commitment extends to tracking and celebrating the progression and improvement of each child throughout their journey at Shirley Warren Primary.

- Students will witness their artistic skills evolve, instilling a sense of accomplishment and pride in their creative abilities.

Implementation

Art is a crucial part of school life and learning and it is for this reason that as a school we are dedicated to the teaching and delivery of a high-quality Art curriculum. This is implemented through:

- A well thought out, whole school, yearly overview of the Art curriculum which allows for progression across year groups in all areas of Art (textiles, mechanisms, structures, food and electrical systems)
- Well planned and resourced projects providing children with a hands-on and enriching experience.
- A range of skills being taught.
- Teachers are given ownership and flexibility to plan for Art; sometimes teaching Art as a block of lessons to allow the time needed for the children to be critical, inventive and reflective on their work.
- Each project from Year 1 to Year 6 addresses the principles of drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, creative craft and collage.
- Pupils being introduced to specific artists, helping to create an appreciation of human creativity and achievement and increase the cultural capital from which they can draw in the future.

Impact

Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery School envisions a dynamic Art and Design curriculum, ensuring that every child is not just educated in art but inspired by it. We aspire to create an environment where curiosity thrives, skills are honed, and creativity knows no bounds. Through exposure to a rich tapestry of artistic experiences, our students will not only become proficient artists but also develop a deep appreciation for the role of art in shaping our history, culture, and society. We aim to instil a lifelong passion for creativity, encouraging our pupils to approach art with enthusiasm, curiosity, and the confidence to always try their best.