

Art Curriculum Statement

Purpose of Study

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. National Curriculum, 2014.

Curriculum Intent

Aims and Objectives for Teaching and Learning in Art

The national curriculum for Art and Design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences.
- Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

At St Mary and All Saints CE School, we aim for our Art curriculum to provide a rich and comprehensive learning experience that enables all pupils to develop their creative skills, explore their imagination, and foster a deep appreciation for art. Through engaging and inspiring lessons, we aim to nurture the artistic abilities of our pupils, develop their confidence, and encourage them to express themselves through a variety of artistic media.

We ensure that our Art curriculum is designed to progressively develop pupils' artistic skills and knowledge. Pupils are exposed to a range of art forms, techniques and styles, including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and digital art. They learn about famous artists, art movements, and diverse cultural traditions, fostering an understanding and appreciation of art worldwide. Our curriculum also emphasizes the exploration of different materials, textures and colour palettes, encouraging pupils to experiment and develop their artistic capabilities.

Alongside artistic skills and knowledge, we recognise the importance of art in developing pupils' personal and social skills. By engaging in art activities, pupils are encouraged to think critically, solve problems creatively, collaborate with others and develop resilience in the face of artistic challenges. Art at St Mary and All Saints CE School is also used as a means to explore cultural heritage, promote diversity, and encourage pupils to appreciate the value that art brings to society.

Curriculum Implementation

Our well-sequenced Art curriculum is designed to ensure progression of skills and knowledge, from Reception to Year 6. It is based on the National Curriculum for Art and Design, providing a clear framework for each key stage. Each year group has a carefully planned scheme of work that outlines the specific artistic skills, techniques and knowledge to be taught. These schemes of work are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure coherence and coverage.

Lessons are carefully planned, and allow for a balance between teacher-led instruction and pupil-led exploration. Teachers provide clear modelling and instructions, differentiated tasks to meet the needs of all learners, and use questioning techniques to deepen pupils' understanding and further their skills.

During each lesson, progress will be assessed in a variety of ways. The children will be aware of the skills they are developing and will be able to look back on what they have achieved before. Through self and peer evaluation, the children will discuss what they have done well and what they will need to continue to practise and develop in order to continue to improve their skills in that particular area.

We provide pupils with high-quality art resources and materials that support their artistic development. We ensure that a wide range of art materials, such as paints, pencils, papers and fabrics, are readily available to enable pupils to explore different media and techniques effectively.

At St Mary and All Saints CE School, art is embedded within our wider curriculum, fostering meaningful cross-curricular links. We actively seek opportunities to integrate art with other subjects, such as history, geography, literature and science to create a holistic learning experience. This approach develops pupils' ability to make connections between different disciplines, deepen their understanding of topics and apply their artistic skills within broader contexts.

Curriculum Impact

The impact of our art curriculum at St Mary and All Saints CE School, is evident in the achievements and progress of our pupils. They demonstrate a growing proficiency in artistic skills, techniques and knowledge as they move through the school. Pupils' artwork reflects their creativity, originality, and the ability to experiment with different media and styles. They are able to express their thoughts, ideas and emotions, effectively through artwork, demonstrating a deep understanding of artistic elements and concepts.

Our Art curriculum inspires and engages our pupils, fostering a love for art that extends beyond the classroom. Pupils are enthusiastic about their art lessons, actively participating and immersing themselves in the creative process. Art exhibitions and displays celebrate pupils' achievements and provide them with opportunities for self-expression and recognition.

Our Art provision at St Mary and All Saints CE School has a positive impact on pupils' cultural awareness and well-being. Through exploring diverse art forms and artists, pupils appreciate different cultural perspectives, developing a broader understanding of the world and its heritage. Art also provides a platform for self-expression, boosting pupils' confidence and well-being. Pupils feel a sense of accomplishment as they create and share their artwork, fostering a positive and inclusive community spirit within the school.

In conclusion, our Art curriculum, at St Mary and All Saints CE School, is implemented with clear intent and designed to have a significant impact on pupils' achievement, engagement, and well-being. By providing a comprehensive learning experience that cultivates artistic skills, knowledge and personal development, we ensure that our pupils develop a lifelong appreciation for art and its cultural significance.