

Art:

Statement of Intent, Implementation and Impact

Curriculum Intent for Art: What we are trying to achieve with our Art Curriculum

The National Curriculum for Art aims to ensure that all pupils experience a high-quality art and design education which engages, inspires and challenges pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

At Water Street Primary School, we have designed our Art curriculum with the intent that our children will begin to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. Our strong cross-curricular links ensure that the children have an understanding of how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation as encouraged by the National Curriculum; and they will enjoy and explore their own innate creativity.

Implementation: How do we deliver the Art curriculum

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in art and design, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school. Art and design is taught mainly through a cross-curricular approach, focusing on the knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum. Key skills and techniques are taught through engaging topics allowing children to immerse themselves in their topics and explore an area of learning creatively through art and design. A variety of teaching approaches are used based on the teacher's judgement.

Our curriculum is broad and progressive in art and children can follow their own progression through their sketchbooks which stay with them from Year 1 to Year 6. At the beginning of each year the children also draw and paint their Self Portraits which form proud displays and celebrate our progress.

Art and design provides excellent opportunities to enhance the learning of more able pupils through the investigations, analysing sources and writing extending pieces. Children showing extensive aptitude in art and design, where appropriate, will be selected for enrichment opportunities when they occur.

Impact: What difference is the curriculum making to our pupils?

Children enjoy being creative while learning new skills and exploring different techniques. They become increasingly confident in their abilities and begin to appreciate theirs and others' strengths through constructive criticism in the classroom and through celebrating their work on displays throughout our school.

Where possible the children take part in local events like competitions and visiting artists and through the years these have included local artisans and craftspeople as well as the amazing Korky Paul.

As a school we work hard together to produce impactful displays especially for Christmas as productions which all the children get the opportunity to be a part of. The impact of art can often be seen just walking through the school as well as through lesson observations, work monitoring and pupil voice. The teachers and subject leader work hard to ensure that creativity and learning is enjoyable and achievable for all.

