

Art and Design at Southover School

Intent

At Southover Primary School our Art and Design curriculum is designed with the intent that our children will develop their sense of creativity and self-expression, enabling them to communicate through art as a visual language.

We will deliver a curriculum that;

- Offers children exposure to the arts through a range of creative experiences and events.
- Allows our children opportunities to experiment in an environment where all efforts and results are valid and valued, developing enhanced confidence in self-expression and self-esteem.
- Gives children the opportunity to explore, develop and communicate their personal, aesthetic response to experience.
- Develops their knowledge and skills across a wide range of art activities
- Introduces them to an appreciation of the arts which will grow with them as they move through life.
- Develops an appreciation of the diverse cultural heritage within the school and local community
- Helps them make personal responses and interpretations of their experiences
- Encourages children to express themselves creatively making choices from a wide range of media and situations

Implementation

The curriculum incorporates the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 and other experiences and opportunities which meet the learning and developmental needs of our children.

- All children follow a program of progressive skills in art and design taking place in discrete art and design lessons and across the curriculum making cross-curricular links where appropriate.
- Where possible first hand experiences and real things will stimulate art and design activities work. Whole class teaching may be followed by individual or group work. New skills and techniques will be modelled or demonstrated via video with examples shown to the children.
- Each child has their own sketchbook and will be given a chance to celebrate their art through display or publication.
- Children will have opportunities to explore and develop ideas and techniques generating their ideas and designs.
- Children will be involved in evaluating their work, celebrating success and identifying areas for improvement and ways forward.
- Lessons will be designed to ensure all pupils can access tasks with an appropriate level of challenge and support.
- Children will be exposed to a range of artists from different time periods, countries and cultures and making links between them and their own work.

Impact

Each pupil will:

- experience a broad, balanced art and design curriculum, with an emphasis on the development of understanding and skills in art and design.
- experience art and design through other areas of the curriculum.
- be given a wide range of opportunities to express themselves creatively.
- begin to develop awareness of the emotional impact the arts have on themselves and on an audience.

The impact of Art and Design can be seen through:

- The work in the children's books
- Discussions with the children about their learning and viewpoints
- The school environment