



Art Statement of Intent



The teaching of Art and Design at St Margaret Mary's RC Junior School

Purpose

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.

Art and design Programme of study: Key Stage 2 National Curriculum

Intent

Art and Design is essential to the development of children's creativity and imagination. Through visual, tactile and sensory experiences, it affords pupils a different and exciting means of communication and self-expression. Quite simply, it enriches their lives. More specifically, by fulfilling the requirements of the National Curriculum, we aim to provide a broad and balanced range of opportunities to help children develop their knowledge and skills, their ability to record visually from real and imaginary experiences, and their competence in using materials and tools. We intend that they should develop their awareness of colour, pattern, texture, line, tone, shape, form and space. At the same time, we aim to foster enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts and develop pupils' knowledge of a range of significant artists and help them to gain an insight into the ways that art has impacted on people's lives in different times and cultures.

In line with the National Curriculum for Art and Design, we aim 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.