



St Aidan's R.C. Primary School

Art & DT Policy Statement



"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

Pablo Picasso

Purpose

1. To make Art & Design an enjoyable learning experience.
2. To enable all children to access a broad and balanced curriculum.
3. For children to participate in a range of artistic experiences.



Intent

At St Aidan's we aim to make Art & Design an enjoyable learning experience. The children participate in a variety of artistic experiences to build up their confidence and competence. The children gain a firm understanding of what Art & Design is by building a repertoire of shared experiences. We aim to develop children's awareness of Art and sculpture in every day life. Through the teaching of Art and Design at St Aidan's we aim to give children the opportunity to - be creative and record their ideas with confidence and express their ideas through various mediums such as drawing, painting and sculpture. We encourage children to use a range of materials creatively as well as know about some artists, craft makers and designers. At St Aidan's children develop a love of Art and Design as they progress through school.

Implementation

At St Aidan's we aim to teach a Art & Design curriculum which often has cross curricular links with other subjects including English, Maths, RE and Humanities. We aim to teach Art & Design lessons and topics that are innovative, accessible to all and exciting. In Early Years, Art & Design is a pivotal teaching tool in both mark making and enabling children to creatively access the world around them. At St Aidan's Art & Design encourages all children to take ownership of their own learning. The Key Stage teams aim to work closely together to plan the Art and Design curriculum and ensure that the topics taught fulfill all of the aims of the 2014 Art and Design National Curriculum. Throughout school children use a wide variety of materials with growing confidence as they progress through Key Stage One and Two and are taught a range of techniques during Art lessons. Children will have an opportunity to showcase their amazing Art & Design work in our Art week showcase during Summer Term.

Impact

Whilst in school, children have access to a varied programme, which allows them to discover and develop areas of strength, preference and artistic appreciation. We want our children to develop a love of learning and be experimental and creative. Art education at St Aidan's also aims to develop an understanding of culture and history, in relation to the child as an individual, the locality and religious ethos of the school, as well as ethnicities from across the world.

Children are able to enjoy Art & Design in as many ways as they choose. Whether they are the creator, designer or architect of a piece of work, their contributions are of equal importance. At St Aidan's we believe that every child's artistic journey is unique and therefore their art is an external expression of themselves, their thoughts, feelings and viewpoint of their world. It is our aim that every child is able to enjoy Art & Design and be proud to show their artistic achievements to their peers, parents and friends.

Evaluation

Regular Key Stage meetings will ensure that all staff who teach Art & Design are meeting the appropriate strands as set out in the National Curriculum. In addition to this there will be a check to ensure that the resources needed to meet these are plentiful.

Learning walks will be undertaken by the subject lead in order to address any CPD needs as well as pupil voice feedback to monitor pupil enjoyment within the subject.