



Yatton Schools - Art Curriculum Statement

Intent

We believe that it is a child's right to have opportunities to explore their creative side. As the National Curriculum states, "*Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity*". Children who feel able to invent, experiment and to make mistakes also feel free to invent new ways of thinking, which has impact that extends well beyond the art lesson. Alongside this children enjoy the processes of creating their own art, which in turn boosts self-esteem.

With this in mind, all year groups are taught Art and Design across the terms (often through cross curricular activities). Children are taught how to develop different skills using a variety of media, materials and processes. They are given the opportunity to learn about the history that underpins current practice by studying the work of artists, craftspeople and designers, and the eras and culture when specific forms of art developed.

The teaching Art and Design through cross curricular activities has resulted in some beautiful outcomes: printed clay tiles linked to a History project on castles; making miniature versions of Viking warriors as part of literacy; creating imaginary landscapes as part of a Science topic; combining repeat pattern making with Maths learning.

Implementation

Planning in art is designed to meet and develop the requirements of the National Curriculum, ensuring breadth and depth of learning for all children.

Aims

At Yatton Schools we aim for pupils to produce creative work, including opportunities to explore their ideas. They become proficient in drawing and painting, and other art and craft techniques such as textiles, pottery and printmaking. Children evaluate and analyse their own and others works, and learn about the work and lives of other artists and designers.

EYFS

Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

KS1

Pupils are taught how to use materials creatively. To use drawing, painting and sculpting to develop and share their ideas. To develop a wide range of techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. Children also learn about work of a range of different artists.

KS2

Pupils are taught to create sketchbooks to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. They learn how to improve their mastery of art techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. They study the life and works of other artists, architects and designers.