



Art and Design

The Curriculum at Holmwood School

The Intent, implementation and Impact of our Curriculum – Art and Design

INTENT

Here, at Holmwood School, we value and are dedicated to the teaching of Art and Design. We see this as a fundamental part of school life and we are committed to providing an 'Arts Rich Curriculum' for our children. We believe that by developing this, we can contribute to the quality of our children's lives, both within and beyond school and as a way of them being able to express their thoughts, feelings and emotions as a visual response to their understanding of the world around them. We see Art and Design as a visual means of self-expression and to support learning in a range of ways. The skills that are developed in these subjects can be transferred across the curriculum and thus aid learning.

IMPLEMENTATION

As a school and in accordance with the National Curriculum's expectations, we aim to ensure that all pupils:

Produce creative artwork through the preliminary exploring of their ideas and recording of their experiences in individual sketchbooks,

Become proficient in developing their skills in drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, printing, and other art techniques through experiencing experimentation with a wide range of media and materials,

Develop fine motor control skills that are needed in order to visually express themselves at both an age appropriate and at their own individual developmental level throughout the school,

Design and develop their individual artworks, to be displayed around school on display boards, as a record kept in their personal Art Portfolio or on appropriate displays for 3D artwork,

Evaluate and analyse their own, peers and other artist's creative artworks using the language of Art and Design,

Know about great artists, craft makers, designers and local artists to understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms,

Use a range of appropriate art language linked to skills, techniques, styles, media and materials,

Class teachers and the Art Lead are usually responsible for teaching Art and Design, although there will be times when professional artists or Illustrators become involved in the teaching of the topic. We take every opportunity to develop links with outside agencies and experts in order to enrich our Art and Design provision.

IMPACT

Our children enjoy the self-expression that they experience in both Art and Design.

They are always keen to learn new skills and techniques and work hard to develop and perfect those shown to them. They can then use these visual communication skills together with learning about the range of media available to them in order to express their individual responses to the understanding of the world around them. The children's art is very often cross-curricular, and is strongly linked to their half-termly topics in History, Geography, Science and Religious Festivals. This helps them to express feelings and emotions visually through art, as well as show their knowledge and understanding of the subjects.

Through their art and design, the children are able to reach out into the community, with our pupil's artwork proudly displayed around our school.