



Art

Intent

At St George's Beneficial Primary School, we recognise that art stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a special way of understanding and responding to the world. It enables pupils of all abilities to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes. Art promotes careful observation and an appreciation of the world around us. Children discover ideas and meanings through studying the work of artists throughout eras, exploring various cultures and traditions. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, they can explore the impact it has had on contemporary life and on different periods and cultures.

By teaching the fundamental skills used by a range of artists, children are encouraged to master these skills to create a piece of work of which they are proud. Through learning these skills with different media, they will confidently apply learning in the style of other artists and go on to develop and express their own styles. By learning in this way, pupils will be able to enthusiastically discover and evaluate the world of art, how it impacts the world and how they themselves may impact the world.

Pupils will:-

- develop confidence and proficiency through a range of complex and purposeful activities including a variety of skills, materials and techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpting inspired by artists from different times and cultures
- develop their interest and curiosity about art through a series of lessons offering skills progression, to return to or build on their learning.
- discover their own sense of style and ambition to create their own artistic pieces.
- develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas and which can be used to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, as well as our Christian values.

Implementation

At St George's, Art is taught in every year group, either once per week or in a block every half term. Each child has a sketchbook to make initial sketches, develop skills, record ideas and develop opinions. Throughout the St George's journey, every child is given the opportunity to learn the skills of drawing, painting, printing, sculpture and collage linked to their topic work and artist. In the development of confident art critics, the pupils share their opinions and make informed observations about what will improve their own practical work. They also visit local galleries and have visits by local artists to create artwork to be enjoyed by the whole school. Teachers follow a clear progression of skills which ensures all pupils are challenged in line with their year group expectations and are given the opportunity to build on their prior knowledge.

Impact

By the end of their time at St George's, the pupils will have learnt, built on and revisited specific skills giving them the confidence to explore their own style. Pupils' work is assessed and evaluated by themselves and alongside their teacher. The work is celebrated in displays around the school in communal areas and halls.