



Art Curriculum Statement

Intent

Our Art curriculum is designed to engage and inspire children through topic linked, cross curricular learning opportunities. We aim for all children, regardless of ability or background, to be inspired by a diverse range of artists including local artist studies. Our curriculum equips children with the knowledge and skills to experiment invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. Our aim is for all children to be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. At Yealmpton Primary School we value the contribution art and design can play in building children's self-esteem and confidence. Children create art work with a real purpose when displaying and sharing the work they create and showcasing the skills and progress they have made.

Our art aims are set out in the 2014 National Curriculum as:

- 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.

Implementation

The teaching and implementation of the Art and Design Curriculum at Yealmpton Primary School is based on the National Curriculum and supported by Cornerstones planning, ensuring a well-structured approach to this creative subject. We teach a skills-based art curriculum through Cornerstones topics, which gives opportunities for children to express their creative imagination and use artwork to record ideas, observations and experiences linked to their half termly topics. Children learn about the work of famous local, national and international artists as well as experiencing visits from artists and experts in order to enrich our art provision. We ensure that art is included across each year group, with a level of progression that supports and challenges our children so that they develop lively, creative, enquiring minds. Children continue to build upon these skills each year through focus on the same themes.

Impact

Art contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, judgement and self-reflection. It encourages children to develop a sense of ownership over their work and reflect on their experiences through evaluating their progress and development. Children's art outcomes are proudly displayed around the school and in the community to showcase learning outcomes. Children show a willingness to participate in a range of artistic opportunities and respond well to this. Children at Yealmpton Primary School can:

- Talk confidently about a range of artists and their experiences in art and design.
- Work confidently and collaboratively with their peers
- Use their creativity to express themselves through a range of media
- Transfer these skills to prepare them for future work life.