St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Intent

Through the Art and Design curriculum pupils will develop a range of creative and evaluative skills. At St. Joseph's we aim to engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. Our art curriculum develops curiosity, creativity and self-expression alongside resilience, confidence and critical thinking skills.

Children are taught a variety of art forms:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Printing
- Sculpture.

Within these art forms the children will explore and experiment with different:

- Colour
- Pattern
- Texture
- Line
- Shape
- Form
- Space

Children will have opportunities to discuss and comment on these effects. As much as we can, we try to follow the works from a wide range of artists and will learn from and evaluate their work. The complexity of art progresses through the year and as the children progress through school. As a school we have created a progression of skills which ensures the learning that takes place each year is revisited, embedded and allows progression and challenge for all children.

Implement

The teaching and implementation of the Art and Design Curriculum at St Joseph's is based on the National Curriculum and is supported by the Kapow Scheme plans. This ensures high standards of teaching and learning in art and design, in addition to a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school. Art and design is taught as part of a termly topic, focusing on knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum.

At St Joseph's, we ensure that art and design is given the same importance as the core subjects, as we feel this is important in enabling all children to gain 'real-life' experiences.

More detail on the units covered and how these link with other subjects can be found in our long-term plan and progression of knowledge and skills document. For each topic taught, the children are provided with a knowledge organiser which outlines knowledge (including vocabulary) and skills all children must master. Children are also provided with a range of enrichment opportunities in and out of school throughout the year.

Impact

Within art and design, we strive to instil an appreciation and enjoyment of the arts enriching the children's learning experience. Our art and design curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. We focus on progression of knowledge and skills, and discreet vocabulary progression also form part of the units of work.

We measure the impact of our curriculum through the following methods:

- Assessing children's understanding of topic linked vocabulary before and after the unit is taught;
- Summative assessment of pupil discussions about their learning;
- Determining the extent to which objectives are met within each lesson and overall, at the end of each unit.
- Images of the children's practical learning;
- Interviewing the pupils about their learning (pupil voice).

By the time children leave St Joseph's Primary School, we want them to have developed a passion for art and creativity, working both independently and collaboratively. They will have grown in confidence when using a range of tools and techniques, becoming artists that can apply the skills and knowledge that they have developed throughout the years and respond critically to their own and other's work.