

Statement of Intent – Art & Design

Purpose – Why is this subject important?

- Creativity encourages freedom, self-expression and instils independence, confidence and individual identity.
- It allows personal development, fostering an enhanced wellbeing and supporting mindfulness and strong mental health.
- Art & Design develops a wide range of key skills including problem solving, language and communication, social, decision taking, critical thinking & risk taking.
- Art & Design promotes diversity, respect and intercultural understanding.
- To enable children to be creative, confident and happy ready for their further education, employment and futures lives.

Principles – What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject?

- Children are taught specific art skills in drawing and colour, texture and form, printing and pattern.
- Children learn about a range of artists, craft makers and designers, exposing children to a wealth of history and culture.
- Exploration, experimentation and original styles are encouraged.
- In self-creative creations, there is no right or wrong - imagination is the only limitation.
- Children are shown that mistakes can be liberating and can open up new opportunities.
- Existing and new creations are observed closely and appreciated.
- Rich and respectful discussion
- Honest, constructive reflection and evaluation

Expectations – What does success look like?

- Children enjoy and achieve in Art & Design
- Children have the knowledge, skills and ability to produce a range of creative works
- There is an appreciation for not only the final outcome but for the artistic process also.
- Opportunities have been given for children to explore and experiment with their own ideas and produce unique creations.
- All learners, at all levels are challenged – continually developing and improving.
- Children are able to observe closely, appreciate and value all creations and take part in rich discussions about their own and others creative pieces.

