

Art at St Nicholas

Curriculum Intent

(What do we want for the children at St Nicholas?)

At St Nicholas School, we believe that art is an important part of children's education and has a significant and valuable role in the taught curriculum. As we recognise our learners complex learning needs, we offer adapted activities and sessions based on the National Curriculum, suitably differentiated and adapted to meet their individual needs and abilities.

Our Art curriculum provides children with opportunities to develop their skills using a range of media and materials. Understanding of the visual elements of art and design (line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape, 3D form) will be developed by providing a curriculum which will enable children to reach their full potential. It is paramount that art work be purposeful; be this as a means of expression or to explore the styles of other artists that inspire our own work.

Our aims are:

To enable children to develop their awareness of the world around them through the medium of art. They will become familiar with different art techniques and develop their creative skills through art.

To ensure that many cultures and traditions are represented in the arts projects based on the tenet that "excellence is to be found in all cultures and traditions not only in the West".

To provide children with a wide range of experiences and will allow for progression.

Curriculum Implementation

(How will we achieve this for our pupils?)

The teaching and implementation of the Art Curriculum at St Nicholas Primary School is based on the National Curriculum and "Croydon Schemes of Work for Art & Design" by Pat Burns. In Reception and KS1 classes the children follow the EYFS Framework.

Medium-term plans are guided by these curriculums and built around our termly topic work to ensure a well-structured approach to this creative subject. At St Nicholas Primary School, our Art curriculum is designed to meet the needs of our pupils ensuring our curriculum intentions are met.

We do this through:

Following a whole school curriculum (SOW) - That covers a range of styles, artists and genres: drawing, painting, printing, collage, textiles, 3D/sculpture.

Weekly lessons - Art is taught at least once a week in KS2 and most days in the KS1 and EYFS.

Whole class/mixed-ability lessons - The subject content, skills and techniques taught, are made accessible to all children; with special provision made for those children who may need it.

Broad subject matter: It involves the study of a range of culturally and ethnically diverse artists and designers both past and present, to enhance the children's learning. There will be times when professional artists will be involved in the teaching of a topic. We take every opportunity to develop links with parents, outside agencies and experts, including local art organisations and artists, in order to enrich our Art provision.

Curriculum Impact

(How will we know if we have achieved this?)

St Nicholas has a supportive ethos and our approaches support the children in developing their knowledge and independent skills.

Helps the children to appreciate the relevance of art to life, the world and society outside of school.

Helps the school to promote equal opportunities.



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