



STATEMENT OF INTENT

ART AND DESIGN

Our School Vision

An Inclusive Community Inspiring Life Long Learners

Intent

At Aldersley Edge Community Primary School, we aim to inspire, engage and challenge children in their Art and Design lessons to help foster their creativity and provide them with the skills and knowledge to confidently produce Art and Design work that they can feel proud of. Our Art and Design curriculum focuses on a progression of skills in drawing, painting, collage and sculpture. These strands will be revisited repeatedly through a range of media during children's time in school to ensure the learning is embedded and skills are successfully developed. It is important for children to be exposed to and learn about a wide range of artists from differing countries, cultures, backgrounds and periods in history. Children can then use their knowledge of historical, cultural and current perspectives with their own ideas and creativity to express themselves as individuals. We aim for children to access Art and Design in a cross-curricular approach to enhance other subject areas whilst ensuring it also holds a place of its own as a subject in its own right. We build on the outcomes in the EYFS and through the National Curriculum work to achieve these goals. Our intention is that Art and Design fully supports our core drivers of academic excellence, life-long learning, possibilities and risks and social intelligence so that the children are equipped to carry on learning beyond their primary education.

Implementation

Our whole curriculum is shaped by our school vision which aims to enable all children, regardless of background, ability, additional needs, to flourish to develop the knowledge and skills to be life-long learners. We teach the National Curriculum, supported by a clear skills and knowledge progression. This ensures that skills and knowledge are built on year by year and sequenced appropriately to maximise learning for all children. To ensure a broad range of skills and understanding, Art and Design is taught across four main strands: drawing, painting, collage and sculpture. Children will cover 2 drawing and 2 painting units each year, and 1 collage and 1 sculpting unit each year. Over time we aim for children to become confident and creative in their approach to Art and Design, and ensure that by their end point, children can make independent decisions about the best tools, media and techniques to use for the task at hand. As part of Art and Design children will be introduced to a range of different artists, including textile designers, architects and both historic and modern figures in art. Children will learn that artists come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and countries and will look in depth at one each year. We also teach a progression of Art and Design vocabulary to support children in their understanding. At Aldersley Edge Community Primary School, we give children access to a wide range of good quality resources and provide cross curricular opportunities for children to apply their Art and Design skills and knowledge. Over time we aim for children to become confident and creative in their approach to Art and Design, and ensure that by their end point, children can make independent decisions about the best tools, media and techniques to use for the task at hand. As part of this process children are taught to respect art resources and use them correctly.

Impact

The implementation of this curriculum ensures that when children leave Aldersley Edge Community Primary School, they are able to use a range of tools techniques and medias to express themselves creatively. They will have knowledge of a broad range of artists who have had an impact in the art world, as well as the technical vocabulary to allow them to discuss their own art work and the work of others.