



Art and Design Curriculum Statement

Why is Art and Design important?

Art and Design is important at St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery because it can enable children to become successful, well-rounded individuals by teaching skills not always found in other areas of the curriculum such as:

Imagination and Creativity: Children can take their experiences of the world and transform them through art, making new connections and relationships. Art allows children to explore, build on and record their own creative and imaginative ideas. Learning about artists, designers and makers inspires and creates a cultural awareness.

Expression: Creating artwork allows children to express their feelings and ideas, both as a means of self-expression and to communicate to others.

Visual thinking: Pictures and other art forms encourage us to think about and understand the world visually, instead of restricting learning and the acquisition of knowledge to words and numbers alone. Visual thinking helps children learn in other subjects.

Observational skills: Making pictures helps children observe the subject matter of the real-world scene they are drawing from more closely, and makes them better observers of detail in the world around them. Developing observational skills through picture-making facilitates the child's visual sensitivity to the world.

Problem solving and analytical skills: Pictures and other art forms enable children to explore and test out ideas, while making decisions on how they choose to depict them. With practice, children learn that concentration and persistence allow them to get closer to the pictures they are trying to achieve.

Autonomy: A child's artwork is his or her own. It has worth in its own right, without having to be measured or judged by others as right or wrong. The child has the authority to say what their artwork is of or what it communicates, building up their confidence and self-esteem.

What is Art like at St. George's Central Primary School and Nursery?

In Early Years children will regularly come into contact with Art, following the guidance from the 'Expressive Arts and Design' strand in the 2025 EYFS framework. This will involve activities such as supporting children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas, and feelings through a variety of activities in art. From Year 1 upwards children will participate in activities which will enable them to both explore and develop ideas and evaluate and develop work. Our school has a two year Long Term Plan for Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. Each phase will cover a maximum of 3 media per year, which will allow all media to be covered over the two years:

- Painting
- Printing
- Textiles
- Collage

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- Sculpture

Drawing is taught continuously throughout the school year as it is essential to the development of skills in other areas of Art. Children will be given the opportunity to learn and apply the key skills of:

- Line and Marks
- Form and Shape
- Tone
- Texture
- Pattern

Each phase will have regular, timetabled Art lessons and/or Art Days throughout the year enabling children to:

- Research artists and makers, learn about their life and respond to their work.
- Practise skills
- Draw/Sketch their design
- Make their final piece
- Evaluate their work

Ways to explore Spirituality in Art and Design

At St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery we believe that our curriculum should provide opportunities for children to develop a love of learning, so that they go on to make a positive difference to themselves, their community and the wider world. We have developed a definition of what we believe Spirituality is:

'Spirituality is...an understanding of how beliefs, values and experiences shape the identity of individuals, their spiritual disciplines and connections with life.'

Our art and design curriculum provides opportunities for spiritual development through/by:

- Enabling the children to channel their emotions, energies and inspiration into physical form.
- Encouraging children to focus on the purpose of art and design not just on the outcome.
- Creativity being one of the highest expressions of the human spirit.
- Fostering spiritual growth through creativity.
- Enabling children to express their experiences in a way words may not be able to explain.
- Providing a sense of transcendence through creativity.

Opportunities to celebrate Art at St George's Central Primary School and Nursery

- Art Days throughout the year.
- Super Artist award.
- Design a Christmas Card Project.
- Corridor displays to celebrate success in Art lessons.
- Art work completed in school shared with St George's Church.

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