



Together with Jesus, we grow in love

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Art Policy

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Intent

At Holy Family, we see ourselves as artists!

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. Children will be able to implement their learning to enable them to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. Through our wider curriculum, the children will have a real purpose when displaying and sharing the work they create; highlighting the skills and progress they have made. They should begin to recognise the wider impact of art and design, how it reflects and shapes our history, and contributes to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Mission statement

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should 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. Art makes a unique contribution to the development of the child. All of the children at Holy Family Primary School are to be encouraged to enjoy and appreciate Art, to respond and express themselves creatively to a variety of stimuli. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a rigorous understanding of art and design. We aim to develop this at Holy Family.

Aims and purposes

- To offer opportunities to stimulate children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world.
- To develop understanding of colour, line, tone, texture, pattern and their ability to use materials and processes to communicate ideas, feelings and meanings.
- To explore with children ideas and meanings in the work of artists, craftspeople and designers and help them to learn about their different roles.
- To help them to learn about the function of art, craft and design in their own lives and in different times and cultures.
- To help children to learn how to make thoughtful judgments and aesthetic and practical decisions.
- To enable them to become actively involved in shaping judgments

At Key Stage 1: Children develop creative and imaginative ideas, using a range of materials and techniques and learn about the world of art, craft and design. Learning in this age range should be characterised by open ended exploration of a range of materials.

At Key Stage 2: The content reflects the natural characteristics of children in KS2. That is learning in which 'technical skills', 'getting it right' and 'mastery' are important. There is a heavier emphasis on using sketchbooks.

Children are taught to create a sketchbook in which ideas are collected, developed, researched, and reviewed. It should have elements of a portfolio, scrapbook, journal and notebook as well as a book in which observational drawings are made.

Children are taught about 'great artists, architects and designers in history and different kinds of art, craft and design.

We ensure that children also have access to contemporary (20th and 21st century) artists as well as more traditional ones, that are perhaps more relevant to children today. Pupils produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. They become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques. They evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design. Children know about great artists, craft makers and designer, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Organisation

- Art is taught both as a discrete subject and also with cross-curricular links.
- Each class teacher is responsible for the half termly programme of work to be taught to the class.
- Children have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience by working individually, in small groups or on a large-scale, collaborative piece of work.
- Art clubs give the opportunity for children to develop skills further, with more time.
- A range of artwork by children is available on the school website and Twitter.

Equal opportunities

- Art is for all children of all ages and abilities.
- Opportunities are given to all children to develop their own ideas and individual response.
- We make appropriate arrangements for children with Special Educational Needs, such as physical impairment who may require the use of modified/special tools.

Continuity and progression

Progression in Art is demonstrated by the different expectations at each key stage and year group. Details can be found in our knowledge organisers and progression map. EYFS follow the Early Learning Goals for Expressive Art and Design, which leads into the curriculum for Key Stage 1 and later into Key Stage 2.

Assessment

- We encourage children to evaluate their own approach, performance and practice.
- We encourage children to talk about their own work and the work of others. Time for this is included in the teachers' plans.

Teachers assess work through:

- Observation of pupils at work.
- Discussion.
- Attainment against key stage expectations.

Informal recording of assessment, made by class teachers informs their planning and used to report to parents.

ICT

We acknowledge that ICT enhances children's learning in Art and Design by:

- Providing additional equipment and tools to help them produce and manipulate images and play with ideas and possibilities for the creative use of materials and processes.
- Extending the possibilities for recording, exploring and developing ideas for practical work using a range of ICT software and hardware including the I-pads.
- Making it possible for them to document the stages in the development of their ideas electronically, share this with others and review and develop their work further.
- Providing a range of information sources to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the work of artists, craftspeople and designers.

Resources

There is a staff library of books, photos, pictures and posters. Consumable resources are stored in the art cupboard. Paper is stored in the art cupboard. If possible, we invite working artists into school to talk about and demonstrate their work. Staff to attend appropriate courses as/ when available. A large range of textiles resources are stored in the art cupboard, along with pre-owned clothing in our attempt to be more sustainable. We use pre-owned items of clothing and fabric during our textiles units.

Health and Safety

- Teachers check all products/tools before use.
- Children are shown how to use all equipment in accordance with Health and Safety guidelines.
- Only non-toxic paints, crayons and glue are used.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored on an annual basis. It will be reviewed regularly at staff meetings and in accordance with the School Action Plan.