Art & Design

Intent

At Beverley St Nicholas CP School, we believe Art and Design is an important and enjoyable part of every child's learning. Through art, craft, and design, children are encouraged to express themselves, explore their ideas, and develop confidence in their own creativity. Creativity is celebrated and nurtured, helping children to experiment, make decisions, and create individual pieces of work they can be proud of.

Our curriculum helps children understand that creativity has no limits and that art and design play an important role in the world around them. As pupils move through school, they gradually develop a deeper understanding of how art and design connect with history, culture, and society, while also building strong creative and thinking skills that support learning across the curriculum.

Implementation

Art and Design is taught through a carefully planned and progressive curriculum that builds skills, knowledge, and confidence year by year. Children regularly explore a wide range of materials and techniques, including drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, and collage. Each unit is designed to encourage creativity, develop technical skills, and provide opportunities for children to express their ideas, thoughts, and feelings through art.

Our approach includes:

- **Exploring sources of inspiration:** Children learn about a wide range of artists, designers, and craft makers from different cultures and time periods. This helps them understand that art can look very different and that creativity is valued across the world.
- **Skill development:** Pupils are taught key artistic skills and techniques, including using line, tone, colour, texture, and form. These skills are revisited and developed as children progress through the school.
- **Use of the local environment:** The local area and community are used as valuable sources of inspiration, allowing children to make meaningful links between their artwork and the world around them.

- **Practical experiences:** Children are encouraged to experiment with tools and materials safely and confidently. They learn that it is okay to make mistakes and are supported to develop independence, resilience, and perseverance.
- **Evaluate and develop:** Children are given time to talk about their work and reflect on what they have created. They also look at the work of others, helping them recognise progress, celebrate success, and think about how they can improve.

Impact

The impact of our Art and Design curriculum can be seen in children's sketchbooks, finished artwork, classroom displays, and in the enthusiasm children show when talking about their learning. Ongoing assessment and pupil voice help ensure that children continue to make progress and develop a lasting enjoyment of art.

Through our Art and Design curriculum at Beverley St Nicholas CP School, we aim for pupils to:

- Feel confident using a range of artistic techniques and materials.
- Be able to express ideas and emotions through creative work.
- Take pride in their own artwork and respect the work of others.
- Understand how art and design relate to history, culture, and everyday life.
- Value creativity, individuality, and diversity.
- Enjoy experimenting, problem-solving, and learning creatively.
- Develop transferable skills such as observation, imagination, and creative thinking that support learning across the curriculum and beyond.