

Ramshaw Primary School



Art and Design

Intent

At Ramshaw primary School, we believe that art is far more than a series of technical skills, so we have designed our holistic curriculum with that in mind. Our curriculum nurtures creative thinking and helps to ensure that our pupils learn *through* art, as well as *about* art.

As they progress through our school, pupils develop a deeper understanding of art and design, exploring the impact it has on the contemporary life and that of different times and cultures. By exploring why art is relevant to all our lives, we aim to make certain that pupils feel entitled to develop their creativity, and understand their place in the world as creative, confident beings.

Our curriculum celebrates both contemporary and traditional artists. During art lessons, pupils will have the opportunity to study several artists in depth – the artists in our curriculum have been curated so that pupils are introduced to a diverse range of artists, designers and craftspeople, from our local area and across the world.

Implementation

- To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in art and design, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school.
- Pupils' work is showcased in a termly assembly, where it is celebrated and given the respect it deserves, whilst also giving the artist the opportunity to reflect on what they have produced.
- We follow a split curriculum for Art and DT – Art is taught once a week in Autumn 1, Spring 1 and Summer 1.
- As part of our continuous assessment of progression in art, once per term we hold a whole school challenge which allows pupils to use their skills in one of the three main disciplines of the National Curriculum. This is revisited and the children can improve the piece in future cycles.
- Children have autonomy in art lessons –they each have sketchbooks which travel through the school with them.

Impact

We strive to create a supportive, collaborative ethos for learning by providing investigate, enquiry-based learning opportunities, we strive to instil an appreciation, and enjoyment of the arts enriching children's learning experience.

Art contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, confidence, judgement and self-reflection. It encourages children to develop a sense of ownership over their work and reflect on their experiences through evaluating their progress and development.

We measure the impact of our curriculum through a variety of methods including;

- Assessing children's understanding of topic linked vocabulary before and after the unit is taught
- Summative assessment of pupil discussions about their learning
- Images of children's practical learning
- Interviewing pupils about their learning (pupil voice)
- Whole school progression tasks (Ramshaw Can...)