

# Art at Church of the Ascension Primary School



**Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye, and the eye through the mind. As the sun colours flowers so does art colour life.**

## **What does art look like at Church of the Ascension?**

At Church of the Ascension, we strongly believe that Art and Design embodies some of the highest forms of human creativity and helps to develop a pupil's imagination, confidence and their ability to express their thoughts and feelings. Through our art curriculum, the children learn to reflect, develop their own ideas and opinions, to articulate and critically discuss work in a supportive and respectful way. They learn to work independently, to collaborate, experiment and take risks, innovate and problem solve.

Art and Design encompasses a range of practical and transferable life skills. We aim to offer an art curriculum that teaches our children to appreciate the great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. We aim for our children to develop skills that enable them to view themselves as artists.

## **Examples of Learning**

Through a carefully sequenced long-term overview of units of enquiry, derived from the National Curriculum, the children will experience practical based opportunities to explore drawing, painting, sculpture, printing, and craft making, building systematically on prior learning to ensure progression. They will develop a vocabulary that reflects their learning and will enable them to critically discuss their own work, work produced by their peers and that of great artists. It is our intention that Art and Design will be stimulating and motivating to capture the children's curiosity and fuel their motivation to learn. There are planned opportunities to link art with trips, visitors to school, local artists and art in our locality. Art is also a tool in which our whole school connects through planned, cross curricular projects, linking subjects and themes throughout the school to celebrate our success and our beliefs.

## **Quotes from children**

I love art so much because it is a way to express creativity and imagination.

Art helps me look at things from a different angle.

I really enjoy letting my creativity loose, and I am disappointed when the lesson ends.