Art Policy

Introduction

'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. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.'

National Curriculum 2014

Aims

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms

Intent

Our Art curriculum will ensure children have the opportunity to explore their ideas and record their experiences, as well as exploring the work of others and evaluate different creative ideas. Children will become confident and proficient in a variety of techniques including drawing, painting, sculpting, as well as other selected craft skills, e.g. collage, printing, weaving and patterns. Children will also develop their knowledge of famous artists, designers and craft makers. Children will also develop their interest and curiosity about art and design through a series of lessons offering skills progression, knowledge progression and offering children the opportunity to ask questions and demonstrate their skills in a variety of ways. The lessons will offer the chance for children to develop their emotional expression through art to further enhance their personal, social and emotional development.

Curriculum

EYFS

Pupils should be taught:

- Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
- Join different materials and explore different textures
- Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.
- Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc.
- Explore colour and colour mixing
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.

Key stage 1

Pupils should be taught:

- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work

Key stage 2

Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

Pupils should be taught:

- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history

Assessment & Recording

In Art, assessment is ongoing and continuous through formative teacher assessment. The majority of pupil's work will be completed in their sketchbooks as an ongoing record of their attainment.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils should have access to the whole art curriculum and resources, regardless of race or gender. There are opportunities for researching and drawing information from the arts and artefacts of other cultures. An appreciation of art forms created and valued by different cultures should be taught.

Resources

Resources for EYFS are kept in the creative area between Nursery and Reception and can be accessed by both classes. Resources for KS1 & KS2 are kept in the art area next to Y2 which can be accessed at all times.

Health & Safety

Teachers should ensure that the use of all potentially hazardous resources is strictly supervised. Children should be shown safe procedures for using such resources and should

be made aware of the dangers. If in doubt teachers should liaise with the art and design subject leader to ensure they are familiar with the safe procedures for using certain resources.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation of the activities will be done by the subject leader. Class teachers are responsible for ongoing evaluation of teaching methods and pupils' progress.

Role of the Art Subject Leader

The role of the subject leader is:

- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Liaising with staff members to develop an effective Art curriculm
- Producing a flexible and appropriate scheme of work.
- Supporting staff members in all aspects of the curriculum.
- Ensuring the areas of the premises used for Art lessons are safe and clear of obstructions or other hazards.
- Monitoring the teaching of Art at the school, ensuring that high standards are consistently maintained.
- Attending any necessary training, in order to help inform future developments of the subject at the school.
- Keeping up-to-date with any changes in the subject area.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the headteacher and Art subject leader, with any changes made to the policy being communicated to all teaching staff and the governing board.