



Art and Design Curriculum Statement



“Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves and to explore what is possible.” MaryAnn F Kohl

Art is a vital part of the curriculum at Vallis. Exploring and studying Art equips children to understand and interpret the world through their senses and emotions. It stimulates responses both on emotional and intellectual levels and we want children to develop source of lifelong pleasure.

Intent

At Vallis, we aim to teach an inspirational and creative art curriculum that allows pupils to express themselves in many different ways and as individuals. We aim for children to become confident when using a variety of tools and materials; become familiar with various artistic techniques and have an extensive knowledge of the works and styles of other artists from across a range of different cultures. Through a fully inclusive environment, children’s personalities will be reflected and encouraged in their work.

The Art curriculum at Vallis provides children with a variety of opportunities to develop their creative skills using a range of media and materials to enable them to express themselves. The skills they are taught in line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape, and 3D forms are developed throughout the key stages in sequences of lessons to enable children to reach their full potential.

Implementation

Art and Design is embedded through our school curriculum. At Vallis, we use the AccessArt scheme of learning to ensure that a broad range of skills is taught: lessons focus on knowledge and skills that are progressive throughout the school. Art is taught in rotation with DT half-termly, but we continue to develop drawing skills throughout the year with additional drawing activities.

Our Art and Design lessons encourage critical thinking, problem-solving and resilience. Children are provided with the tools and confidence to experiment and evaluate their own work and that of others. The curriculum is designed to expose children to a range of notable artists, architects and craft-makers (well established, contemporary, male and female and from a range of cultures) and and recognise their cultural contributions to society. Opportunities within the local community, for example visiting art galleries, are sought to help create and encourage a positive attitude towards Art. Artists are also welcomed into the school to work on projects with the children. We are lucky to be part of a creative town and make use of local galleries and artists to enhance children’s experiences.

In EYFS there is continuous provision of art and design opportunities: these activities make important contributions to children’s development in the areas of Expressive Arts and Design, Physical Development and Communication and Language. They are also important in children’s Personal, Social and Emotional development. Art is covered in art lessons,

continuous provision and as a means of communication and learning in other curriculum areas.

Opportunities are provided for children to develop these skills and communicate thoughts and feelings using a range of media and materials. Sketchbooks are used throughout the school to allow children to explore, experiment and develop their art. Pupils are encouraged to take ownership and pride in their sketchbooks and these reflect their artistic journey during their time at our school.

Impact

Children will express themselves through Art and develop a broad range of skills in drawing, painting, printing and 3-D work. Children will discuss and evaluate their own and others' work and celebrate their achievements. Children will feel an excitement to get creative, evaluate their developing skills and embrace the joy of expressing themselves in their own unique way. Gallery walks are used in class for children to share their work.

Children will:

- Children will engage with the creative community of the local area of Frome.
- Discuss their knowledge and understanding of a range of great artists and art movements.
- Express their ideas through a variety of media using a range of artistic techniques and inspired by work of notable others.
- Experiment, explore and connect with the wider world through art with confidence.
- Develop their creativity and appreciation of various art forms.
- Use art as a form of expression linked to their personal, social and emotional development.

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