



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School – Art and Design Curriculum Intent



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At St Bartholomew's' Church of England Primary School, we are all budding artists! Consequently, we want all of the children in our care to develop a passion and commitment for art, developing their independence, initiative and originality. Each child is exposed to the skills and experiences to allow them to think and act like a creative practitioner, whether that be a graphic designer, illustrator, curator or print maker. Children have the opportunity to build on their knowledge and understanding of art to inform, inspire and interpret their own, or other artist's ideas, observations and feelings, whilst developing their own creativity along the way!

The art and design curriculum has been carefully designed so that our children develop their artistic capital. We want our children to remember their art and design lessons in school; to cherish these exciting memories and embrace the extraordinary opportunities they are presented with! For example, each year the whole school takes part in an art exhibition. Every year the school sets a theme linking to another curriculum subject or the world around us. Children are encouraged to enter to express their creativity, while at the same time honing their resilience and independence and applying the skills they have learned.

Art and Design is a way of children being able to express themselves. It allows all children the same experiences, regardless of their academic capabilities. Art and design has the ability to use visual language skilfully and convincingly to provide children with the opportunity to express their emotions, interpret observations and convey an insight into their individually. This provides children with a safe learning environment to promote their mental health and wellbeing.

As a school, we want to equip all children with not only the minimum statutory requirements of the art and design National Curriculum, but also prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We want children to use their local and wider areas and to learn from other cultures, respect diversity, cooperate with one another and appreciate what they have. For this reason, we ensure that a range of artists and media are used throughout the children's time in school.