Art - statement of intent



At Drayton CE VC Junior School, we value the teaching of art and believe that it is a fundamental part of our curriculum. We aim to engage, inspire and challenge our pupils and to give them frequent opportunities to be experimental and creative. We aim for each child to produce imaginative pieces of work of which they can feel proud.

As a school, we recognise the importance of teaching our children about famous artists, giving them the knowledge and vocabulary to discuss works of art as well as encouraging them to develop their own artistic ideas and ways of expression. Through the teaching of art, we aim to help our children develop the confidence to experiment with ideas and techniques and to enjoy the processes of creativity and reflection. Through art, pupils are encouraged to pause, reflect and appreciate the beauty of creation. It offers moments of stillness and wonder, inspiring imagination and creativity while helping children explore meaning and express their thoughts and feelings in unique ways—supporting their spiritual growth as well as their artistic development.

We aim to make lessons fun as well as challenging and for pupils to become proficient in a variety of techniques, including drawing, painting, sculpture and collage. We aim to display and celebrate as much of the children's work as possible and, as well as being taught through cross-curricular themes, art and DT will also be celebrated during special art/DT days.

By developing children's skills in art and design, we believe that we are positively contributing to the quality of our children's lives as well as supporting their well-being. Through creativity and reflection, pupils learn to appreciate beauty, express emotions and develop empathy—key aspects of spiritual growth. It is our intention that all children will enjoy their art lessons and be ambitious and imaginative in their own work.