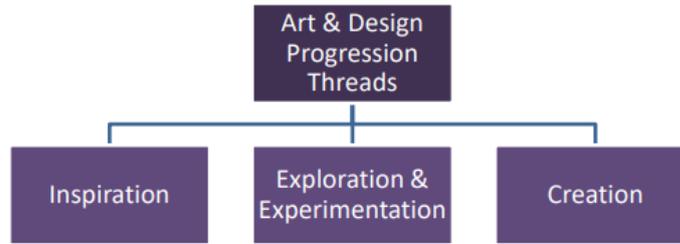


Key Threads:



Intent

At Birchfield Primary School, we aim to provide an Art and Design Curriculum that builds on a child's early creative experiences whilst enabling them to express themselves in a practical and inspiring way. The progressive knowledge and skills for each year group along with the key threads ensure a consistent approach to pedagogy and practice. Art and Design stimulates imagination and creativity using the elements of colour, texture, form and pattern, regardless of their ability. Art and Design, at Birchfield Primary School, promotes careful observation and an appreciation of the world around us. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, children can explore the impact it has had on contemporary life and on different periods and cultures.

At Birchfield Primary school, we aim to provide an Art and Design Curriculum which develops learning and results in pupils knowing more, remembering more and understanding how the knowledge and skills can be applied in their own artwork. Through exploring the work of artists, children learn to evaluate and respond to artwork.

The aims of the Art and Design Curriculum in our school are:

- To engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them to create their own works of art, craft and design.
- Equip pupils to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design.
- To produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences.
- To become increasingly proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques.
- To evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design.
- To learn about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand some historical and cultural developments.

Implementation

Teachers plan for progressive knowledge and skills within the learning. Art and design is taught as part of a half-termly topic, focusing on knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum. Through our enquiry led curriculum, children have opportunities to explore various artists and designers, linked to their termly enquiry question. Throughout their time at Birchfield Primary School, the children are given a range of opportunities to explore a wide variety of materials and techniques, developing their skills and thinking as young artists. Various media types are explored within each unit to give the widest possible range of experiences for all children. The materials and media used are revisited throughout units and year groups to ensure progression of skills previously developed. Every term we have an exhibition where the work of children is showcased as well as any home learning projects that have been completed with parents. This also offers an opportunity for parents to engage with the school and join in with their children's learning.

Impact

Our art and design curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. The focus on progression of knowledge and skills and discreet vocabulary progression form part of the units of work. We measure the impact of our curriculum through the following methods:

- Assessing children's understanding of topic /enquiry linked vocabulary before and after the unit is taught.
- Summative assessment of pupil discussions about their learning.
- Images of the children's practical learning.
- Interviewing the pupils about their learning (pupil voice).

- Moderation staff meetings where pupil's books are scrutinised and there is the opportunity for a dialogue between teachers to understand their class's work.
- Annual reporting of standards across the curriculum.
- Marking of written work in books.