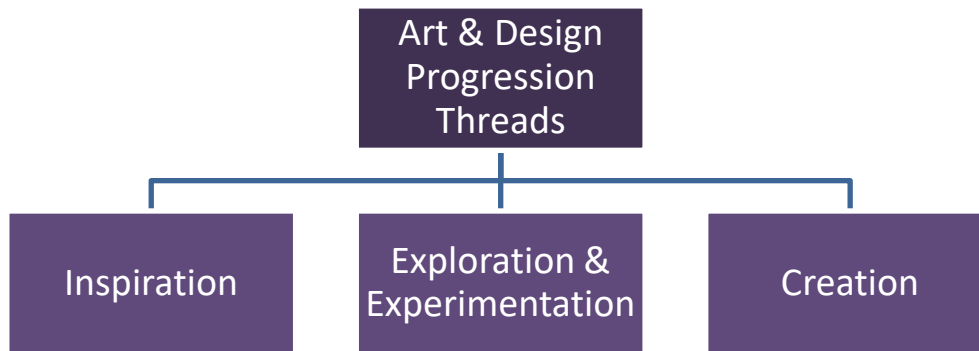




Key Threads:



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. Through learning about a wide range of Art and Crafts, from various cultures, we hope to not only develop the children's passion and love of the subject but also build a respect, natural inquisitiveness and an appreciation of art in all its forms which they may carry with them throughout their lives

Art and Design stimulates imagination and creativity; involving children in a range of visual, tactile and sensory experiences, which enable them to communicate what they see, think and feel through the use of 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.

The aims of teaching Art and Design in our school are:

- To 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 through school, they should begin 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.
- To produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences.
- To become 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 know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

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 art work.



By becoming Art critics themselves, they are able to learn how we can all interpret a piece of art work in our own unique way. Through exploring the work of artists, children further build on our core values of respect and empathy.

Creativity across all the curriculum allows all children, regardless of ability, to apply what they have learnt and solidify key ideas. It can bring key concepts to life and provide valuable, alternative ways for children to record and demonstrate their understanding. Art is not restricted to the Art lesson and children often have the opportunity to apply their art skills and support their learning in other areas to explore the Enquiry.

Implementation:

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in art and design, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school. 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. This allows the children to be immersed into the richness and diversity of Art across the word and through different periods.

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. We use retrieval activities at the beginning of each lesson to develop and improve the skills learnt. 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. At Birchfield we provide a variety of opportunities for art and design learning inside and outside the classroom. 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:

Within art and design, we strive to create a supportive and collaborative ethos for learning by providing investigative and enquiry based learning opportunities.

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 and videos 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.