



## Our Approach to teaching.....

### Art and Design

Art and Design is included as a non-core Foundation subject with the National Curriculum. The aims of Art and Design are consistent with our school philosophy and take account of the legal requirement of the National Curriculum.

Art and Design aims to;

- Stimulate children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences
- Help children explore the world at first hand, using all their senses and experimentation, and so gain knowledge and understanding of the world in which they live
- Develop children's understanding of colour, form, texture, pattern and their ability to use materials and processes to communicate ideas, feelings and meanings
- Inspire confidence, value and pleasure in art
- Cultivate children's aesthetic awareness and enable them to make informed judgements about art and become actively involved in shaping environments
- Teach children to express their own ideas, feelings, thoughts and experiences.
- Develop children's design capability
- Enhance children's ability to value the contribution made by artists, craft workers and designers and respond critically and imaginatively to ideas, images and objects of many kinds and from many cultures

### EYFS

During the Early Years, young children are given the opportunity to explore colour, texture, shape and form in two and three dimensions. The children have access to a wide range of construction, collage, painting and drawing activities, using appropriate tools and art materials. In order to tap their

artistic potential, the children are encouraged to develop their own creative ideas.

### Key Stage 1

During Key Stage 1, Art and Design is about expanding children's creativity and imagination through providing art, craft and design activities linked into PBL.

- Children will explore the visual, tactile and sensory qualities of materials and processes and begin to understand and use colour, shape, pattern and texture, to represent their own ideas and feelings.
- Children will focus on the work of artists, craftspeople and designers by asking and answering questions such as 'What is it like?' 'What do I think about it?'

### Key Stage 2

During Key Stage 2, Art and Design is about fostering children's creativity and imagination by building on their knowledge, skills and understanding of materials and processes, through providing more complex activities. Children's experiences help them to understand the diverse roles and functions of Art and Design in the world around them.

- Children will improve their control of materials, tools and techniques and become more confident in using visual and tactile elements, materials and processes to communicate what they see, feel and think.
- Children will increase their critical awareness of the roles and purposes of Art in different times and cultures, by commenting on work and asking questions such as 'What materials and processes were used to make it?' 'What is this work about?'

We value Art through school and are proud to have Gold Arts mark and have an artist in residence as part of our school staffing structure.