



The Curriculum at St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

The Intent, implementation and Impact of our Curriculum – Art and Design Technology.

INTENT

At St Gilbert' CE Primary School, we value and are committed to the teaching of Art and Design Technology.

Our 'Arts Rich Curriculum' is a fundamental part of school life, which ensures the progressive development of knowledge and skills in line with the National Curriculum. It provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend their skills whilst giving them the opportunity to express their individual interests, thoughts and ideas. Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. Our high-quality Art and Design education will 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, they will be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of Art and Design. They will also be able to explain how Art and Design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

IMPLEMENTATION

Class teachers ensure high standards of teaching and learning in Art and Design Technology as we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school and allows the children to develop transferrable skills. We invite professional artists and other visitors to get involved in the teaching to help broaden their cultural capital, to inspire and facilitate the learning of new skills and experiences. We aim to ensure that Art and Design is given the same importance as the core subjects, as we feel this is important in enabling all children to gain 'real-life' experiences as we travel through our Artsmark journey.

Lessons are planned using our progression of knowledge and skills plans for Art and Design Technology and are planned to suit the children's interests to ensure their learning is engaging, broad and balanced. This progression ensures the curriculum is covered and the skills and knowledge taught is progressive from year group to year group. Within Art and Design Technology, we strive to instil an appreciation and enjoyment of the arts enriching the children's learning experience. Our Art and Design Technology curriculum is of high quality, well thought out and demonstrates progression. We focus on progression of knowledge and skills and discreet vocabulary progression.

At St Gilbert's, we provide a variety of opportunities for Art and Design Technology learning to take place inside and outside the classroom. Every year we take part in 'The Big Draw' where the subject leader plans fun, engaging activities linked to Art and Design for the children to complete throughout Arts Week. Alongside our curriculum provision for Art and Design Technology, we also provide all pupils with the opportunity to participate in art based after school clubs that focus on Art and Design Technology.

IMPACT

Our children enjoy the self-expression that they experience in both Art and Design Technology. They are always keen to learn new skills and work hard to perfect those shown to them. Learning is through our inter-connected curriculum, which engages pupils' interest and helps them to express feelings and emotions through art and to build on concepts, which thread through our Keys to Success.

Through their Art and Design Technology, the children are able to extend beyond St Gilbert's, by frequently displaying their artwork within the local area.

As a school and in accordance with the National Curriculum's expectations, we aim to ensure that by the time a child leaves St Gilbert's, they will be able to:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Become proficient in drawing painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms