



Art and Design statement of Intent

At Ashleworth Church of England Primary School and Churcham Primary School, we recognise that Art and Design stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a special way of understanding and responding to the world. It enables children of all abilities to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes.

We encourage children to explore ideas and meanings through the work of a range of artists and designers. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, they can explore the impact it has had on contemporary life and that of different times and cultures. The appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts enriches all our lives.

Learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school.

Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.

Creativity can also help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness acting as an outlet for releasing the pressures of studying as well as those of everyday life.

Studying arts subjects also help to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.

The aims of teaching art and design at Ashleworth and Churcham 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. From Year 3 onwards each pupils will have a sketch book in which to doodle, draw, practice and refine. This is not a book to be marked but a book to feel comfortable sketching in, with the aim of allowing children to express themselves without the need for affirmation whilst developing penmanship.
- To evaluate and analyse own and other's finished creative works using the language of art, craft and design. To this end, pupils will keep a diary for self-evaluation, which will start in Year 3 and move with them through the remaining year groups.

- To know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

How do we teach Art and Design at Churcham and Ashleworth C of E Primary school?

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 termly topic, focusing on knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum. We 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.

The art and design curriculum is based upon the 2014 Primary National Curriculum in England, which provides a broad framework and outlines the knowledge and skills taught in each Key Stage.

When teaching art and design, teachers should follow the children's interests to ensure their learning is engaging, broad and balanced. A variety of teaching approaches are used based on the teacher's judgement.

How do we assess Art?

We measure the impact of our curriculum through the following methods:

- Assessing children's understanding of topic linked vocabulary before and after the unit is taught.
- Summative assessment of pupil discussions about their learning.
- Images of the children's practical learning (KS1)
- Interviewing the pupils about their learning (pupil voice).
- Annual reporting of standards across the curriculum.
- Marking of finished work which is copied and stuck into Art Diaries.