



Art and Design Curriculum

“An arts education helps build academic skills and increase academic performance, while also providing alternative opportunities to reward the skills of children who learn differently.”

Gavin Newsom

Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement

Intent

At St Ives Infants School we aim to promote a vibrant and inclusive Art and Design curriculum that celebrates creativity, expression and individuality.

Through acknowledgement of the towns’ rich artistic heritage, we create enjoyable and memorable experiences for the children. By carefully planning our topics to allow us to take advantage of our famous artists and galleries, the children become inspired and subsequently, appreciate and contribute to the world of art.

Our Art teaching focuses on developing knowledge and skills; this encourages critical thinking to develop and progress their own pieces of artwork. Through their experiences in the classroom and the educational visits, the children not only enjoy and love learning about art but they will develop a deeper understanding which, ultimately, cultivates a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

Implementation

In ensuring high standards of teaching and learning, we have designed a dynamic Art and Design curriculum that integrates various mediums, techniques, and styles.

At St Ives Infants School, we realise the significance for ‘real-life’ experiences and our children will engage in hands-on, experiential learning allowing them to explore their creativity. This incorporates educational visits to local, famous art galleries where we can explore how artists have influenced our art and by using our fantastic Cornish landscape, we can provide children with authentic experiences.

Our dedicated art teachers will guide students through a structured yet flexible curriculum which is taught half-termly and focuses on the knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum. It ensures that these skills are progressively built into sequences of lessons and adapted to individual learning styles, ensuring that every child can express themselves artistically.

Impact

The impact of our curriculum will be evident in the overall development of our children. Through their artistic explorations, we aim to develop their technical skills, encourage critical thinking and deepen their understanding of art. The children will be able to talk like an artist; about the skills and techniques that they have learnt using subject specific language whilst creating and inventing their own pieces of work. Children can evaluate their own work and that of their peers to reflect on their progress and learn from their experiences. As children progress, they will feel inspired and confident to express themselves. The passion, creativity and enthusiasm from our teachers coupled with the exposure to the town’s vibrant art

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community will empower children to appreciate the importance of art, its role in society and ultimately, positively impact and shape the children's futures.