



Art at Pitmaston Primary School

“Art is not just a subject to learn, but an activity that you can practise with your hands, your eyes, your whole personality.” Quentin Blake, Children’s Laureate

Intent

Our bespoke, high-quality art and design education engages, inspires and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design using a range of media and materials. Artists, designers and craft makers from diverse backgrounds have been carefully selected as inspirational starting points for children to build their artistic skills and develop a broad range of artistic techniques during their time at Pitmaston.

All children-regardless of their ability-become proficient in the skills of drawing, painting, printing, collage, and sculpture. This is done through our identified schemas: use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes, which are carefully and deliberately built on from our Early Years. Children are given the opportunity to explore and evaluate their own and others’ creative ideas. By becoming art critics themselves, they are able to explore the meaning behind art work and learn how we can all interpret a piece of art work in their own unique way using the language of art, craft and design. Through exploration of the work of artists from a range of cultures and time periods, children further build on our school core values of respect and empathy as well as the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Implementation

Art topics are taught each term and are done so in isolation to allow the necessary time to focus on building specific artistic skills. However, children often have the opportunity to apply their art skills and support their learning in other areas of the curriculum, whether it be art linked to poetry writing in English, or developing on drama used to explore life in a different period in history.

Skills are built upon year on year, building on children’s prior learning (their substantive and disciplinary knowledge) and progressing in terms of depth and challenge. Children are exposed to a wide range of techniques over their time at Pitmaston Primary School. Adaptation of materials or approaches are used by teachers to ensure that all children access lessons and make progress.

Children are expected to be reflective and evaluate their own and others’ work, developing their disciplinary skills such as the ability to critique, evaluate and reach informed conclusions confidently by the time they leave our school.

Impact

Children develop a passion for art and creativity, working both independently and collaboratively. They will have grown in confidence when using a range of tools and techniques, becoming artists that can apply the skills and knowledge that they have developed throughout the years and respond critically to their own and other's work.

Pupils will have learned, improved and embedded a range of artistic skills. They have an awareness of a diverse range of artists and craftspeople and are able to consider and discuss the artworks they come across. Children are confident to explore, experiment and take risks, placing value on the process and journey that they take, not just on the finished product. Most importantly, children find and enjoy a creative outlet – a means of self-expression and enjoyment.