

St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School



The Intent, Implementation and Impact of our Art and DT Curriculum

School Mission Statement



St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School is a Catholic family of faith, following the teaching of Christ. We strive to create an environment where all members of our school community become caring, independent and resilient individuals who fulfil their potential.

"I came so that you may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Intent

At St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School we believe that Art, craft and design express some of the highest forms of creativity, we value Art and Design as an important part of our children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. A high-quality Art and Design education should 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 should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of Art and Design, as well as recognise famous artists, crafts makers, designers and architects. They should also know how these artists, craftspeople and designers shapes our history and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Implementation

Art

All children at St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School are encouraged to be spontaneously creative, using a variety of media and techniques in arts and craft work in all areas of the curriculum. Throughout the key stages, the curriculum is mapped to ensure an awareness of colour, shape, balance, focus and proportion are developed alongside how to convey ideas and feelings, children are encouraged to reflect through self and peer assessment to improve and develop their work. The study of a wide range of artists, craftspeople and designers throughout the academic year complement this work, in KS2 children further develop their knowledge of artists, craftspeople and designers by learning about those in history. A range of artists, craftspeople and designers have been carefully mapped out for each year group to study in each term, this encourages a broad range of artists, craftspeople and designers to be taught across the key stages. The curriculum ensures a new artist is introduced each term to ensure a broad range of artists, designers and craftspeople have been studied by the end of the children's learning journey here at St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School, those chosen are a reflection of the cultures we celebrate within our school community.

Design and Technology

Through Design and Technology, the children are encouraged to design, make and then evaluate their work which involves solving practical problems. At St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School children are encouraged to be inventive, using a range of materials and tools, thus developing, modifying and evaluating their ideas through a final project in our summer term.

Teaching of Art and Design Technology in Early Years Foundation Stage

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Starting in our Nursery and Early years, Art and Design plays a very important role in child development. Children are taught to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through expressive art, design and technology. Children are taught and encouraged to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function having endless opportunities to explore these tools and techniques daily.

Teaching of Art/DT in Key Stage 1

In Key stage 1 children begin to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products, children are given the opportunity to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas. The children will begin to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. They will begin to discuss the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers considering the differences and similarities between their different practices and disciplines and using these to make links to their own ideas. In Design Technology, children will begin to design purposeful, functional and appealing products for themselves following a design criteria, they will be able to generate, develop and communicate their ideas through various forms of media. The children will begin to build the skill of selecting and using a range of tools and equipment to form practical tasks as well as explore and evaluate a range of existing products. The children will begin to build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable and explore how they can use mechanisms in their work.

Teaching of Art/DT in Key Stage 2.

In Key stage 2, children will continue to build upon the skills learnt in key stage 1 and further develop and build upon skills throughout their learning journey in key stage 2. The children will use their sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisits ideas, they will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials which through the mapped curriculum progress through each year group. The children will also build upon their knowledge of great artists, designers and architects in history. In Design Technology, children will continue to generate, develop and communicate their ideas further through annotated sketches, cross section and exploded diagrams as well as through prototypes and computer aided design. The children will have the opportunity to select and use a range of tools and equipment and make their own selection from a wider range of materials, including construction materials and textiles. In key stage 2, children will investigate and analyse a range of existing products, evaluate these ideas and products against their own. They will consider how to build structures, further developing the skills learnt in key stage 1 considering the use of different mechanisms, including the use of electrical systems. Lastly, within Design Technology, children will understand how key events and individuals have helped to shape the world they live in today.

Impact

The children at St Michael Catholic Primary and Nursery School will become creative learners, who will build and retain a web of knowledge about the great artists, crafts men and designers of the world. Creativity and uniqueness will be celebrated and children will become reflective learners through editing and improving the pieces they have created. There will be an emphasis placed on individuality and children will be given the freedom to explore art using their imaginations. Children will have embedded the key art and design skills needed to allow them to produce inventive pieces of art. The impact of our Art and DT Curriculum is that it equips our children to be imaginative, confident creators, evaluators and reflective and engaged learners. The children will have knowledge of art, design and culture and will have developed preferences and made choices which will have a positive impact upon their learning.