

Art, Design & Technology

Intent

Our aim at Churchfields is to enable pupils to become creative and reflective learners who are able to express themselves fluently and confidently in a variety of different ways. Within the curriculum, Art and DT will clearly contribute towards this, enabling pupils to respond thoughtfully to different learning and stimuli. Pupils should be able to develop their cultural understanding within the subjects and appreciate that perseverance and attentiveness is needed to complete an Art and DT project, leading to personal pride and gratification.

Implementation

Our Art and DT curriculum has been designed to cover all of the skills set out in the National Curriculum. The National Curriculum states that 'pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.' Our Art and DT curriculum has been structured in a cross-curricular way to effectively facilitate this and to provide maximum inspiration to our artists and designers. Art and DT projects will be linked to a topic to enhance pupils' understanding of the key historical and/or geographical concepts covered. Where appropriate, Art and DT projects may also be linked to a community or cultural issue to engage pupils in the world around them and to help them understand the role that they play as an individual. At Churchfields, pupils will be given the opportunities to record their ideas, practise new techniques and build on knowledge and refine their skills over time. These opportunities will develop pupils' perseverance and dedication to complete projects to the best of their abilities. School visitors and trips are facilitated where appropriate to enhance the pupils' understanding and skills further. Teacher, peer and self-assessment will be used to quickly identify any child who requires additional support in specific skills. Scaffolding and/or differentiation will be planned in advance using this assessment information to support the range of abilities within each class. A range of equipment and resources will be made available to pupils during projects to ensure their success for all pupils.

Impact

Due to the nature of this curriculum area, Art and DT monitoring takes various forms and will often be included as part of topic/foundation subject monitoring as a whole. This is shared with staff with key areas for development identified and addressed the following half term. The subject leader will then do a follow up to judge the impact of these changes and offer further advice. Pupil voice as an effective tool to ascertain pupils' opinions on provision as well as their own abilities and confidence in this area. Indeed, one of the goals of the Art and DT curriculum at Churchfields is to develop pupils' ability to express themselves through a range of different mediums. Examples of pupils' work is celebrated regularly. Due to the subjective nature of Art and DT, children are encouraged to choose mediums that enable them to meet the given objective. SEND children are encouraged to take ownership of their own work and celebrate their achievements. Throughout their sketchbooks, there should be clear progression of skills and expression in any medium they have chosen.