

# Northlands Primary School and Nursery



## Art Policy

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Due for review: December 2026



Inspire  
Challenge  
Succeed

## Northlands Primary School and Nursery Policy for Art

### Curriculum Intent

Art is high profile at Northlands. With a dedicated art room where lessons are taught by our highly skilled art instructor, pupils receive an hour of devoted art lessons each week. We are fortunate enough to have our own kiln room as part of our art provision so creative skills taught extend to 3D art. Lessons are supplemented by a range of after school clubs in the arts.

The purpose of this policy is to show how at Northlands, we enable pupils to leave primary school as confident, capable and creative artists, able to use our imaginations and create work that is pleasing for ourselves and can be appreciated and critiqued by stakeholders across the school.

### Aims and Objectives

- To deliver an aspirational curriculum centred around artists, themes and areas linked to seasonal activities and in-class topic where possible
- To meet the requirements of the National Curriculum programme of study for Art & Design
- To ensure our children become resilient in producing and improving creative pieces of art
- To help all children to develop the underlying skills and capability which is essential to developing Art capability including gross and fine motor skills.

### Support for pupils with additional needs

At Northlands, we teach computing to all children, whatever their ability. Art forms part of the school curriculum to provide a broad and balanced education to all pupils. Pupils with additional needs are supported through personalised learning. This may come in the form of support in lessons or alternative activities or resources in class. We often find that children who find traditional subjects such as Writing and Mathematics a challenge will flourish in Art lessons and we aim to engage all pupils in artistic learning, no matter their academic ability.

### Internet Safety

Internet access is planned to enrich and extend learning activities across the curriculum. However, we have acknowledged the need to ensure that all pupils are responsible and safe users of the Internet and other communication technologies both in school and outside. The Internet is used in Art lessons as a tool to share ideas and work and adults ensure that all material is age-appropriate.

## **The Early Years Foundation Stage**

Children in the reception classes have weekly Art lessons, in line with Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Children in our Nursery classes have access to Art in their sessions. This gives them an opportunity to use artistic skills to develop control as outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (2021).

## **Art Curriculum**

At Northlands we offer a bespoke curriculum in Art lessons which has been developed with a clear progression of skills. In all years, from EYFS to year 6, pupils will undertake work on the following areas:

- Drawing & sketchbook development
- Painting
- 3D
- Collage, textiles and mixed media
- Artist study
- Seasonal activities

## **Assessment**

Art is assessed through the progression document adopted at Northlands. Pupils are assessed through the use of their sketchbooks as well as finished pieces of work as we understand that the process in Art is as important as the finished article. Assessment for children's work in Art is on-going with progress made reported at the end of each term. Children can obtain three forms of judgement over the course of the year: Working below, working at or working above expected level. Assessment is undertaken through:

- Subject leader monitoring
- Teacher formative assessment strategies
- Weekly child digital outcomes
- Summative assessment tasks
- Children take part in topic quizzes, this is used for the teacher to assess the key knowledge retained by pupils in each class.

## **Linked policies / documents:**

### **Art scheme of work**