



One Page Summary: Art



Subject Intent

Art is high profile at Northlands. Children in Reception to year 6 get to enjoy lessons in our purpose built art studio for an hour a week. We aim for all children have access to quality art lessons which enthuse, engage and give all children the opportunity to release their artistic potential. Where possible, art lessons link to the topic that year groups are studying. For example, children in year 3 may have the opportunity to create 'cave paintings' using pastels while year 6 can produce paintings in the style of a Tudor house. By doing this, art lessons become an integral part of the children's learning and are not seen as a stand-alone lesson.

Subject Implementation:

Art at Northlands is taught across the school (Reception to year 6) for an hour a week following the National Curriculum programme of study for each year group. We aim, wherever possible, to create cross-curricular art opportunities with skills being matched to topics in order to provide a relevance for art and design. This means that children are able to produce meaningful, purposeful pieces of art.

The skills in art are covered across a range of areas: drawing, painting, 3D, textiles and mixed media and an artist study each term. All year groups will focus on an artist from a black, Asian or minority ethnic group as part of Black History Month in October. Sketchbooks are used as a developmental tool, for children to explore techniques and show progression in their ideas. These follow the children up the school and should be treated with the same importance as other curriculum books. Although these are an opportunity to explore, sketchbooks should demonstrate the neatest work the children can produce.

The art produced is displayed across the school and we are very proud of the drawing, painting and 3D art our children produce. Work of a high standard is also celebrated in the school newsletter.

Monitoring

Regular monitoring of art will take place and consist of:

- Climate walks
- Sketch book looks
- Pupil perceptions
- Data analysis

Reading opportunities

Reading opportunities in art include accessing technical vocabulary as well as reading biographies and key facts linked to the artist study they are focusing on each term. A range of books around key skills and artists will be available and children are encouraged to explore these.

Curriculum Enrichment

At Northlands, we offer a range of opportunities to include art to enrich the curriculum such as:

- Themed weeks
- Topic/dress-up days

Subject Impact

With art being such high profile across the school, and the display of art in areas such as the curriculum corridor and the artist of the week in the newsletter, children at Northlands are proud of what they have produced. At the end of each academic year, identified children will have an opportunity to showcase a range of talents through an annual 'art exhibition'.