



ART

At St John Vianney Catholic Primary School, we value Art as a subject, to inspire and develop our children's creative thinking and to develop their cultural, spiritual and moral understanding. We encourage all our children at St John Vianney to express their thoughts and emotions in a safe and appropriate way.

We teach our children to be reflective of their work and respectful of others. Knowing that making mistakes is how we learn creates a safe space for our children to explore, experiment and take risks without the fear of getting it wrong which is the basic essence of what art is and can offer to our children. Pupils are given the opportunity to explore many different types of materials and mediums, and their work is celebrated in displays throughout the school.

INTENT

First and foremost, we intend that pupils have the opportunity to express themselves creatively, and develop their skills and confidence through experimentation with artistic materials and ideas. We endeavour to give the children experience of a wide range of media and open their minds to the work of a variety of artists from different eras.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Art curriculum is skills-based, and every year pupils are given the opportunity to further skills learned in previous years. Art is studied every week across KS1 and KS2 on a half termly basis. These topics alternate with Design Technology topics. Pupils use their Art books to experiment with different types of media and practise different skill sets. Where it is not possible for pupils to work in their books, as is the case with sculpture, teachers endeavour to take photographs of the pupils' work. Each topic draws influence from an artist and pupils are given the opportunity to imitate and respond to the artist's work. This work is enriched by visits from artists and visits to art galleries where appropriate.

IMPACT

By the time children leave St. John Vianney school, they will have had experience of drawing, painting and sculpting with a range of media, such as clay, pencil, charcoal and watercolour. They will have learned and revisited a wide range of skills, and been given the space to make mistakes, learn from these and improve. As such, pupils leave St. John Vianney with a level of confidence in their artistic ability, and use this as a springboard for their endeavours at secondary school.

CULTURAL CAPITAL

At St. John Vianney school, we approach cultural capital through Art and Design Technology. This is a mixture of traditional and modern approaches to expose children to a variety of cultures. Lunchtime and after-school clubs as well as a rich and varied curriculum provide an opportunity to introduce activities to help develop pupils' cultural capital hands on. These include whole-school Art projects, extra-curricular Art and Craft clubs and outdoor learning activities in addition to providing many external experiences through school trips and visits.

