



Farnham Primary School

Art and Design

Intent

At Farnham it is our intent to deliver a curriculum using a topic based approach which is accessible to all and will maximise the development of every child's ability and academic achievement in the area of Art and Design. We want to have an Art and Design curriculum which develops the acquisition of drawing, painting, 3D, printing, textile and collage skills, while exploring and investigating, creating and evaluating artwork as set out in the National Curriculum so that children can reach and exceed their potential. We want children to develop their subject knowledge about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of the art forms studied.

Implementation

Art and Design is an important part of the education at Farnham primary School. Art and Design is planned and delivered in each year group in line with the National Curriculum and the expressive art and design strand of the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum. All the children in the school study Art and Design through other curriculum topics and this is based initially on their immediate personal experiences and later on a broader range of contexts.

Children at Farnham Primary School are taught creativity through drawing, painting, printing, collage, textile and 3D work. They develop their skills by:

- Using a range of materials to design and make products.
- Developing techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space through the different genres.
- Sharing their ideas, experiences and imagination
- Learning about the work of a range of artists, craftsmen and designers, looking at the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.
- Creating sketch books to record observations and using them to review and revisit ideas, and collect visual material to help develop ideas.

Children have access to key knowledge, language and meanings in order to understand and readily apply it to their work in art and design and across the curriculum. They experience educational visits, where applicable links to art and design will be made, to develop the children's learning experiences.

We believe it is important to celebrate and share the artistic achievement of our children and this is reflected in displays and the stimulating environment throughout school. Annually, children showcase their work during a Farnham Exhibition. Children have the opportunity to be visitors and tour guides in their own art gallery when parents and visitors are invited into school. Children are also encouraged to create art projects with parents at home which are then celebrated back in school. They also have the opportunity to achieve the Arts Award qualification.

In December 2017, the school was awarded Arts Mark gold to recognise the creativity we provide across the curriculum.

