



Our Vision of Art and Design at St. Matthew's Primary School

St. Matthew's believes that the arts can play an exciting and leading role in providing a dynamic focus for the educational experience of its children.

Purpose of study

Art, craft, and design are highly creative forms of expression. Quality education in these areas should engage, inspire, and challenge students. It should equip them with the skills to create their own works and understand the historical and cultural significance of art.

Aims

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture, and other art, craft, and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft, and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

The arts enrich our lives by offering enjoyable activities that inspire, inform, challenge, and entertain. Arts activities help develop skills and positive qualities in students, while also preparing them for the future.

- Combining ideas and thoughts with senses and emotions
- Valuing diversity and individuality
- Intellectual and physical development
- Allowing time for reflection
- Promoting innovation, risk-taking and problem-solving
- Developing a positive awareness of different cultures and traditions
- Children articulate their own ideas and develop the ability to make critical judgments
- Promoting playfulness and curiosity
- Ability to collaborate with other people.
- Independence.
- Developing confidence
- Acquisition of new skills
- Developing the imagination
- Encourages experimental approaches
- Being excited, absorbed, and motivated

All children should have the opportunity to develop their particular skills through the curriculum and through the range of experiences and opportunities that our school offers.

