



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

St. Matthew's believes the arts can play an important role in enhancing the educational experience for its students.

### **Purpose of study**

Art, craft, and design are important forms of creativity. A good education in Art and Design should engage, inspire, and challenge students. It should give them the knowledge and skills to experiment and create their own artwork. As students advance, they should learn to think critically and understand Art and Design more deeply. They should also see how these fields reflect our history and contribute to our culture, creativity, and economy.

### **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 their art forms' historical and cultural development.*

The arts enhance our experiences by inspiring, informing, and entertaining us. Engaging in the arts allows individuals to express their ideas and emotions while helping students develop qualities like teamwork, enthusiasm, and ambition. It is essential for everyone to have the opportunity to participate, as this fosters a sense of belonging and boosts confidence, preparing students for success in higher education and careers by:

- *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 ideas and develop the ability to make critical judgments*
- *Promoting playfulness and curiosity*
- *Sensitivity, empathy, and intuitiveness*
- *Self-awareness and awareness of others*
- *Ability to collaborate with other people and take the views of other people into account*
- *Tolerance for ambiguity*
- *Making links between unusual concepts and circumstances.*
- *Developing confidence and acquisition of new skills*
- *Developing the imagination experimental approaches and independence*
- *Being excited, absorbed, and motivated while developing the imagination*

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.

In partnership with our family of schools and local community groups, we create a culture of learning through the arts that is accessible to all students and the wider community.