



St Antony's Catholic Primary School



Art and Design Curriculum Intent

St Antony's Art & Design Curriculum's Intent is to:

- Make every child feel like a confident artist by encouraging freedom of expression through Art in all its various forms- from EYFS to year 6.
- Ensure our curriculum units are progressive and that lessons are taught using a wide variety of media inclusive of clay, fabric, paints, canvas and oils.
- Develop the artistic, creative and cultural awareness of all our pupils across the diverse cultures within the school from Nursery to year 6.
- Ensure our children are exposed to a variety of creative experiences within and outside of school nurturing open, imaginative and innovative thought.
- Invite in Artists from diverse backgrounds to inspire the inner artist in every child exciting them to explore art in its many forms both within and outside the school environment creating exceptional outcomes, which we celebrate.
- Ensure that pupils are given the opportunity to explore their art skills building on what was taught prior- enhanced through an rich and vibrant curriculum full of exceptional experiences.
- Ensure that staff make purposeful links to Art & Design and Mental Health and Well-Being using this area as a tool for relaxation and self-regulation.
- Reassure pupils and make them aware that developing artistic skills takes time and practice, making links with the school's growth mind-set approach.

Fundamentally, we want to enable all our pupils to see that, Art and DT are developing a variety of life skills in them; whilst underpinning and consolidating their well-being. Our Gospel Values and Catholic Social Teaching are inextricably linked to everything we do at St. Antony's and plays a significant role in enhancing what is taught through Art: Diversity, Appreciation of Difference and Multi-culturalism, Tolerance, Joy and Peacefulness. Art and DT also provide the perfect way to make meaningful cross-curricular links to Humanities, Science, IT, Understanding The World covered in our Black History Month unit. Additionally, during Arts Week in which pupils explore Art in different cultures they make links to real life experiences.