

# Art & Design at St Cuthbert's RC First School

## Intent

At St Cuthbert's First School we aim to give children the opportunity to:

- Be creative and record their ideas with confidence
- Develop a range of skills to include drawing, sculpting, painting with various media
- Learn about some great artists and designers and recreate some of their work
- Develop the skills as they progress through school.



*Working with the artists in class 3*

## Implementation

The art curriculum is varied and can often link to other subjects such as History, Geography, PE and Science. Teachers from each Key Stage have met and planned a curriculum that shows links to different topics, shows progression from each Key stage and provides the opportunities that children need to develop their skills. Children use a wide variety of materials and are taught a range of different techniques during their lessons. Children are also encouraged to enter local and national art competitions to enable them to apply their skills. Visiting artists enhance the teaching of this subject. The teaching of Art runs alongside an Arts based curriculum where children can experience the opportunities of visiting local art exhibitions. Whenever possible, this is also linked to the Arts Discovery Award.

## Impact

At St Cuthbert's, we want our children to love learning and to be creative. They are encouraged to experiment with confidence, secure in the knowledge that their work will be valued. The varied art curriculum which links to other subjects enhances a deeper understanding of that subject. This curriculum also enables children to develop collaborative learning skills, the opportunities to for self and

peer assessment and appreciation. Teachers expect presentation of work to be of the highest standard. Children enjoy art and are pleased when their work is displayed in school or is part of an external art exhibition.

The attainment of art is tracked through Sims assessment tracker.



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