



Art Vision Statement

Intent

At Cotgrave Church of England Primary School, we believe that art is a universal language through which all children can explore, discover, and express the world around them. Our high-quality Art curriculum is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and foster a love of learning.

Guided by our school's Christian ethos, we celebrate the uniqueness of every individual, encouraging kindness, respect, and understanding through artistic exploration. We follow the National Curriculum while ensuring children have opportunities to develop skills across a wide range of media such as drawing, painting, printing, collage, textiles, 3D work, and digital art. Our curriculum provides the chance to study a variety of artists, craft makers, and designers from diverse backgrounds, including local creatives, fostering a connection to both our heritage and the wider world. We enhance our curriculum with opportunities for children to showcase their work in our school gallery, celebrating their achievements with parents, carers, and the community.

Implementation

We teach Art through a skills-based curriculum, ensuring clear progression from Early Years to Year 6. Skills are built upon each year, enabling children to grow in resilience, confidence, and artistic ability. Sketchbooks are used from Key Stage 1 onwards to document the learning journey, providing a space for children to explore, reflect, and express their ideas. Self and peer evaluation are integral to our approach. Children are encouraged to discuss their successes and areas for growth, fostering resilience and a growth mindset. Teachers provide guidance and refer to previous modeling to support skill development. Art is celebrated across the school through vibrant displays in classrooms and shared spaces. We also collaborate with local churches, contributing art for special events and celebrations, reinforcing our connection to the wider community and our faith.

Impact

By the end of each year, our children will have developed a broad range of artistic skills, growing in confidence and resilience. They will have experienced different media and techniques, learning to adapt and apply these in creative ways. Our sketchbooks serve as a record of progress, allowing children to reflect on their journey from their earliest creations to more advanced work. Our Christian values underpin everything we do, helping children become reflective, thoughtful, and compassionate artists. They leave Cotgrave Church of England Primary School with a lifelong appreciation of art and the confidence to embrace challenges, knowing that God walks beside them as they live 'life in all its fullness'.