



Art at Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

Curriculum

The teaching of art at Furzeham is facilitated through the creative curriculum and extra-curricular activities including school clubs and links with the community whenever possible. We have bi-annual arts weeks where the whole school is involved in carrying out a variety of arts activities linked to a common theme.

EYFS

- Early Years children's work in painting and drawing supports and extends their development of language.
- Children express their view of the world and their reaction to it through this very personalised visual "language".
- Through the handling of a wide variety of materials, work in art facilitates fine motor skills development.
- Art develops creativity and imagination.

Key Stage 1 and 2

- Children record their ideas and feelings through a variety of media, which reflect a growing capability to represent more accurately what they can see and touch.
- Children develop confidence in choosing appropriate resources and materials to use successfully as ideas for their own work.
- The children develop skills to use materials and tools appropriately and proficiently so that techniques are developed and used effectively.
- Children have the opportunity to describe and compare images and artefacts, which stimulate ideas for their own work and provides a knowledge base of methods and approaches for the child so links can be made between their own work and that of art, craft and designs from other times, people, places and cultures.

Rationale

At Furzeham we want our children to access fully the experiences recommended in the National Curriculum for Art. We aim to give children the opportunity of exploring a range of materials, tools and techniques that will enable the development of their personal creativity, imagination and skills while encouraging confidence in expression through art. We also aim to provide children with opportunities to observe and record their world thus communicating through art and to learn about great artists, and designers through history. Art is an integral part of the development of the child as a whole and we want to provide opportunities to develop art through creating an exciting and stimulating learning environment.

Assessment in Art

Assessment in Art is ongoing throughout the Year Groups with emphasis on the development of skills. Art work is celebrated and on display throughout the school environment. Teachers include their assessments for Art in the annual report to parents in the Summer Term. General evaluation and feedback is ongoing with the pupils throughout art lessons including self and peer assessments. AFL for each session is recorded in books.

Key Lines of enquiry

- Ensure good coverage of skills and knowledge in each phase in light of innovating our curriculum with particular focus on the study of different artists.
- Ensure that art is taught regularly and is well represented in each phase's curriculum.