

## **Art at Exwick Heights Primary School**

Art is taught both explicitly through art lessons and through creative activities across the wider curriculum. It is a subject that includes a broad range of skills; such as painting, sculpting, drawing and design, and a variety of media; for example, water colour, clay, line drawing and manipulating different materials to create works of art.



At Exwick Heights Primary School we enrich children's artistic development through a range of experiences in the classroom, around our wonderfully inspiring school site and on trips locally and further afield.

There are many opportunities throughout the year for children at Exwick Heights to showcase their artistic talents, build their creative confidence and deepen their interest in the arts, most notably the Creative Arts Week in the summer term, which culminates in a whole school display and assembly.

### **Intent**

The school believes that art is a vital part of children's education and has a significant and valuable role in the taught curriculum, as well as the enrichment opportunities we offer our pupils. The art curriculum will develop children's critical abilities and understanding of their own and others' cultural heritages through studying a diverse range of artists.

Children will develop their understanding of the visual language of art with effective teaching and considered sequences of lessons and experiences. Understanding of the visual elements of art and design (line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape, 3D form) will be developed by providing a curriculum which will enable children to reach their full potential.

### **Implementation**

The skills and knowledge that children will develop throughout each art topic are mapped across each year group and throughout the school to ensure progression. The emphasis on knowledge ensures that children understand the context of the artwork, as well as the artists that they are learning about and being inspired by. This enables links to other curriculum areas, including humanities, with children developing a considerable knowledge of individual artists as well as individual works and art movements. A similar focus on skills means that children are given opportunities to express their creative imagination, as well as practise and develop mastery in the key processes of art: drawing, painting, printing, textiles and sculpture.

Coordinated whole-school project work will ensure that art is given high status in the curriculum and the school takes part in the annual Art Week which enables further focus on children's artistic skills and knowledge.



The school's high quality art curriculum is supported through the availability of a wide range of quality resources, which are used to support children's confidence in the use of different media. This is mirrored by the creative activities set for home learning where good examples are often shared on the school blog.

### **Impact**

Displays reflect the children's sense of pride in their artwork and this is also demonstrated by creative outcomes across the wider curriculum. The school environment also celebrates children's achievements in art and demonstrates the subject's high status in the school, with outcomes enhancing the outdoor as well as indoor environment. The Art curriculum at Exwick Heights Primary School contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, judgement and self-reflection.

