

ART



OUR INTENT

Art is for everyone and 'Every Child is an Artist'. At Kings Road, our aim is to provide a broad, balanced, exciting and motivating Art and Design curriculum which allows for all of our children to express themselves creatively and imaginatively, whilst at the same time focusing on progression of skills. We understand that art is about so much more than a picture on a piece of paper; that the arts liberate the children and enable them to communicate freely in ways that are beyond their everyday practice, therefore we strive to weave artistic flare throughout the curriculum at every opportunity.

IMPLEMENTATION

In the EYFS, Expressive Arts and Design can be seen throughout the learning environment. Children are free to explore a range of media, materials, and techniques through their play and learn activities and are free to develop their skills at their own pace, solving problems and challenging themselves and others.

Throughout Key stages 1 and 2, Art is planned and taught explicitly on a half termly basis, each covering a new unit. The units are skills based and the children are supported in experiencing a range of

media, materials and techniques and in learning about the work of other artists. Opportunities to be creative throughout the year, linking to the termly topics, are also embraced in order to encourage the creativity and individuality of all of our children.

IMPACT

Studies show that giving children time during school to be creative – be it in art, drama, music, or dance—can help to improve their ability to learn across all other areas of the curriculum. Building their creative side will not only help in their future; it can also improve their mental health during their time in school itself.

We hope that through our approach to Art and Design, our children not only develop mastery in a range of skills and techniques but also have the confidence to explore possibilities, make new connections, solve problems and develop skills for life-long learning.