

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

ART AND DT STATEMENT OF INTENT

Intent

At St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, we value and believe that Art and DT gives children the opportunity to experience a balanced, broad and creative curriculum. Art and DT allows children to experience and to develop their own creative and artistic skills and encourages them to express their personal and individual interests, thoughts and ideas.

At St Augustine's, we thrive for Art and DT to be engaging, inspiring and challenging for our pupils, providing them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, practice and master their own works of art and design using a range of mediums. Children are encouraged to express their creativity and have the freedom to create and design their own works of art. Children are exposed to a range of artists and creators who have had an impact on the development and progression of Art and DT to inspire their own creations. Pupils are encouraged to evaluate their Art and DT work to identify their strengths as well as areas to improve and develop.

Implementation

Art and DT are taught through cross-curricular subjects throughout the year as well as through discrete skill-based lessons. This allows our children to link art and design to the areas of geography and history that they are learning about whilst also practicing and refining their creative skills. Art lessons are taught weekly whilst DT is taught once a term through continuous lessons. Staff have

identified and created progression maps and planning overviews to ensure that children are covering a range of skills and are meeting the expected standard at the end of each year group. Consideration is given to ensure all children can take part in art and DT in line with our inclusion policy. Outcomes of work are regularly assessed to ensure children are covering and meeting all areas identified on progression maps and planning overviews.

Impact

Art and DT work produced in knowledge books and sketch books, vivid displays and children's artistic knowledge demonstrate the in-depth level of understanding gained and subject content learnt. Children throughout art and DT lessons are encouraged to reflect on their current and past work to understand their own progression in the subjects. Throughout these subjects, children learn how to be creative, express their freedom and choice, be reflective and be artistic!