

St Mary of the Angels Art Policy

2025-2026



Our Mission Statement:

Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life

Aims and objectives

At St Mary's we value art as a unique way of communicating pupils thoughts and ideas across the whole curriculum. All pupils will be taught art, craft and design to engage, inspire and challenge them. Their developing knowledge, skills and understanding will equip them to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils become artists and designers, they will be taught to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. Through cross-curricular work pupils will learn that art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

The objectives of teaching art and design in our school are to enable children to:

- Use art to underpin teaching and learning:
- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Help pupils become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Teaching and learning style

- Pupils will be taught to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- Children will learn how to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- Pupils will be taught how to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- Pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.
- All children will be encouraged and shown how to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- Pupils will learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

Art Curriculum Planning

Our school uses the national curriculum for art as the basis for its curriculum planning. Planning for art is incorporated within long term planning, thematic termly plans and short term weekly plans.

Assessment for Learning

Children demonstrate their ability in art in a variety of different ways. Teachers will assess children's work in art by making informal judgements as they observe them during lessons. Teachers give oral or written feedback as necessary to inform future progress. Coverage and progression are recorded on our internal assessment system using the End Points. Teachers make informal assessments against progress in art on a termly basis.

Resources

We keep resources for art in our classrooms but do store some materials centrally.

Outcomes

During their time at St Mary of the Angels children will benefit from a rich broad and balanced programme of art and design. They will experience and experiment with a wide range of materials as they explore art and design to grow and flourish as artists and designers. They will build a growing awareness of the art and design which runs through their own history, culture and other cultures as they are introduced to the world of artists and works of art.