



## The Intent, Implementation and Impact of our Curriculum – Art and Design

### **Intent**

At St John's C of E Primary School, our Art and Design curriculum is built on the belief that every child is a unique creation with the capacity to imagine, express and inspire. Through Art, we nurture creativity, confidence and curiosity, enabling pupils to explore God's world with wonder and appreciation.

Our intent is to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop a **secure understanding of artistic skills**, techniques and vocabulary across a broad range of media.
- Build **progressive knowledge** of artists, craft makers and designers from diverse cultures, periods and traditions.
- Learn to **communicate ideas visually**, experimenting with materials and making informed creative choices.
- Cultivate **resilience, reflection and independence**, evaluating their own work and the work of others with respect and purpose.
- Experience Art as a means of **spiritual development**, celebrating beauty, creativity and the value of human expression.
- Access a curriculum that is **inclusive, ambitious and inspiring**, enabling all children to flourish.

The PlanBee scheme supports this intent by providing a carefully sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum that builds skills year on year while encouraging imaginative exploration.

### **Implementation**

We follow the **PlanBee Primary Art & Design scheme**, which provides a structured, spiral curriculum ensuring that skills and knowledge are revisited, embedded and extended over time.

#### **Curriculum Structure**

- Art is taught in **discrete units** each term, covering the key strands:
  - Drawing
  - Painting and Mixed Media
  - Sculpture and 3D
  - Craft and Design
- Each strand is revisited regularly, allowing pupils to deepen understanding and refine techniques.



## Teaching and Learning

- Support children as they develop confidence, practise key techniques and create their own original artwork from Years 1 to 6.
- Teachers use **modelling, guided practice and scaffolded exploration** to ensure all pupils can succeed.
- Vocabulary is explicitly taught and revisited, enabling pupils to talk confidently about their work.
- Sketchbooks are used from Year 1 to Year 6 to record ideas, practise skills and reflect on progress.
- Children study a wide range of **artists, designers and craftspeople**, including contemporary and diverse voices, ensuring representation and cultural breadth.

## Inclusion and Support

- PlanBee's adaptive lessons allow teachers to tailor activities for pupils with SEND, EAL, additional needs or gifted children.
- Open-ended tasks ensure that all children can access learning at an appropriate level while being challenged to extend their skills.

## Enrichment

- Opportunities for enrichment include:
- Whole-school art projects
- Links with local artists or galleries
- Cross-curricular art (e.g., RE, history, science)
- Celebrations of children's work through displays and exhibitions

## Assessment

- Teachers assess through:
  - Ongoing observation
  - Sketchbook evidence
  - Final pieces and reflective discussion



## **Impact**

By the time pupils leave St John's, they will:

- Have a **secure foundation of artistic skills**, enabling them to draw, paint, sculpt and design with increasing confidence.
- Demonstrate **creativity, originality and imagination**, applying techniques thoughtfully and purposefully.
- Use **art vocabulary accurately**, discussing processes, influences and outcomes with clarity.
- Show **resilience and reflective thinking**, evaluating their work and recognising how to improve.
- Appreciate the role of art in society and understand how creativity enriches culture, faith and community.
- Produce work that shows **progression, skill development and personal expression**, reflecting the high expectations of our curriculum.
- Feel proud of their achievements and recognise Art as a meaningful, enjoyable and empowering subject.

The impact of our Art curriculum is visible in pupils' sketchbooks, the quality of finished pieces, the enthusiasm they bring to lessons, and their growing confidence as young artists. Through Art, our children learn to see the world with curiosity, compassion and creativity—values that sit at the heart of St John's C of E Primary School.