



## Art and Design at St Columba's Catholic Primary School



### **Intent**

At St Columba's, we aim to provide a high-quality art and design education that ensures all pupils are given opportunities to produce creative and imaginative pieces of art. Children have the opportunity to explore their ideas and record their experiences, as well as investigating the work of others and evaluating different creative ideas. Children will become confident and proficient in a variety of techniques including drawing, painting, sculpting, as well as other selected craft skills such as collage, printing, weaving and patterns. Children will develop their knowledge of famous artists, designers and craft makers, extending their interest and curiosity about art and design through a series of lessons offering skills progression, knowledge progression and the opportunity to ask questions and demonstrate their skills in a variety of ways. The lessons will offer the chance for children to develop their emotional expression through art to further enhance their personal, social and emotional development.

*Our aim is for all children, in art and design, at St Columba's to:*

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- 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
- investigate renowned artists, craft makers and designers, growing their own understanding of the historical and cultural development of their respective art forms

### **Implementation**

At St Columba's we teach art and design as a unit, alternating half termly with Design Technology. The structure of the art units is based on the National Curriculum. All pupils explore and use a variety of media and material through their Art lessons and skills are taught to build technique progressively. While focussing on key skills such as sketching, painting, colour mixing, sculpture and collage, famous local, national and international artists are explored to enhance the children's learning.

*Our art and design curriculum at St Columba's is structured in the following way:*

- A cycle of lessons, which carefully plans for progression and depth
- Learning opportunities for pupils to apply their skills and knowledge
- Opportunities to enhance pupils' learning experiences through educational trips.

### **EYFS**

Pupils explore and use a variety of media and materials through a combination of child initiated and adult directed activities. They have opportunities to learn to:

- Investigate textures, movement, feel and look of different media and materials
- Respond to a range of media and materials, developing their understanding of them in order to manipulate and create different effects
- Use different media and materials to express their own ideas
- Explore colour and use for a particular purpose
- Develop skills to use simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately
- Select appropriate media and techniques and adapt their work where necessary

### Key Stage 1

Pupils are taught:

- To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- To develop a wide range of art techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- 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

### Key Stage 2

Pupils are taught:

- To develop their techniques, including their control and use of media and materials.
- To be creative and experiment; building an increasing awareness of different kinds of arts and crafts
- To improve their mastery of techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture, with a range of materials
- About renowned artists, architects and designers throughout history

### Impact

The creativity of all our pupils is celebrated through communal displays, our website, SeeSaw and our school Twitter (X) feed.

Ongoing assessment takes place throughout the year. Teachers use this information to inform future lessons; ensuring children are supported and challenged appropriately. Assessments are analysed and gaps in attainment are addressed.

Children in EYFS are assessed within the Early Learning Goals and progress is tracked using their individual learning journeys on SeeSaw.

*At St Columba's our evidence is collected through:*

- Our sketchbooks which are kept individually by class teachers in KS1 and KS2
- SeeSaw
- Twitter (X)
- Pictures and video clips
- Assessed knowledge organisers within sketchbooks showing children's attainment
- Discussion with pupils, staff, governors
- Pupil voice