



# Curriculum Statement – Art and Design

## **Our Art and Design Curriculum:**

### **Intent**

At Strawberry Fields Primary School, we value Art and Design as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. Art and Design provides them with opportunities to develop a natural curiosity and sense of wonder about the world around them; develop a range of skills and techniques in which they can share and express their individual creativity, whilst learning about and making links with the wider world by learning about a range of artists and cultures.

Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our community.

### **Implementation**

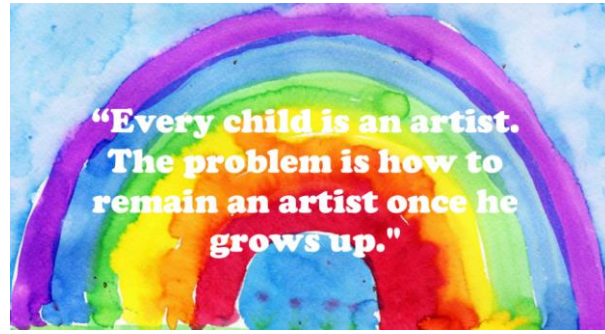
The teaching and implementation of the Art and Design Curriculum at Strawberry Fields Primary School is based on the National Curriculum. The skills and knowledge that the children will develop throughout each art topic are mapped across each phase and throughout the school to ensure progression. The emphasis on knowledge ensures that children understand the context of the artwork, as well as the artists that they are learning about and being inspired by. This enables links to other curriculum areas, including humanities, with children developing a considerable knowledge of individual artists as well as individual works and art movements. A similar focus on skills means that children are given opportunities to express their creative imagination, as well as practise and develop mastery in the key processes of art: drawing, painting, printing, textiles and sculpture. The school's high quality art curriculum is supported through the availability of a wide range of quality resources, which are used to support children's confidence in the use of different media. Children record art work in their individual sketchbooks, in which they make annotations and reflect on the work of themselves and others.

### **Impact**

Our Art Curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. Our children enjoy being creative and recording their ideas in their sketchbooks, making annotations of their work and thinking reflectively.

The school environment also celebrates children's achievements in art and demonstrates the subject's high status in the school, with outcomes displayed in the 'Forest of Knowledge'. The Art curriculum at Strawberry Fields Primary School contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, judgement and self-reflection.

As Picasso once said...



**"Every child is an artist.  
The problem is how to  
remain an artist once he  
grows up."**