

# Poppleton Road Primary Curriculum Statement



At Poppleton Road Primary School, Art and Design is an important part of a broad and balanced curriculum. A high-quality art and design education should challenge and engage all pupils, stimulating creativity and imagination. Through exploration and experimentation, children will learn how to control different media, tools and techniques so they are able to produce creative work; they record their first hand experiences, communicating what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically, make informed judgements and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. In order to understand how art and design both shape our history and contribute to our culture, children study a particular artist or art movement. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, they can explore the impact it has had on life in different times and cultures. The appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts enriches all our lives.



At Poppleton Road, the knowledge and content outlined in the National Curriculum Programmes of Study have been carefully mapped out to ensure full coverage by the time children reach the end of Year 6. The progression in skills we have in place ensures children become proficient in several key areas:

- Drawing
- Painting
- 3D art (including sculpture)
- Textiles
- Printmaking
- Digital & multimedia art

All year groups cover drawing, painting and sculpture as a minimum requirement over the course of the year, with other mediums being covered where there is a meaningful link to other curriculum areas. Using end points in Art and Design ensures that we build upon the learning and skill development of the previous years.



Children learn to use different techniques in Art and Design to experiment and practise key skills to become independent, confident learners, whilst developing their knowledge and understanding. Children enjoy their art lessons and learn how to use resources to a high standard, taking responsibility of their own work. They will be able to make decisions about how they use materials to express their creativity to produce authentic work they are proud of; they can talk honestly about their experiences of making and creating.



The work of famous local, national and international artists, from diverse backgrounds and a range of cultures are explored to enhance the children's learning. Children also learn to 'talk like an artist' and use artistic vocabulary when talking about the work of real artists, their own work and that of others in their class. Children are encouraged to understand the 'whys' behind a piece of art and understand how their opinions may differ to other peoples. The children's learning is further enhanced with whole school art projects where the children have the opportunity for collaborative working and exploring the different styles and techniques of a range of artists. Children are encouraged to evaluate the work of their peers in a positive way, with the aim of ensuring artistic progression.