

## What is Art?

Art gives children the opportunity to develop their creativity and imagination by exploring a range of materials and processes. It allows children to explore colour, texture, shape, form and space in two or three dimensions.



Foundation Stage:

Art fits into the “Expressive Art and Design” section of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Key Stage 1: Art is taught every other term and Design and Technology is taught the other. There are many opportunities for cross-curricular and planning activities, such as large-scale painting, and papermaking.

## The Aims of Art

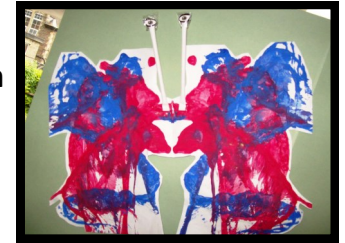
The National Curriculum for Art aims to ensure that all pupils:

- \* 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
- \* Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms



## The Art Curriculum

This is a very brief overview of some of the main themes covered in each year:



**Reception will:**

- \* Look at the work of Matisse, develop skills using a range of materials and techniques.
- \* Use large scale art work to create natural sculptures from found materials.
- \* Practise observational drawings inspired by the natural world.

**Year 1 will:**

- \* Investigate how to mix and use colour in painting.
- \* Study the work of Rousseau and paint their own large scale jungle artwork and small scale tigers.

**Year 2 will:**

- \* Explore line and colour through the work of the artist Kandinsky.
- \* Develop an understanding of shape, form, texture through observational drawings and sculpture.
- \* Investigate form and shape through self portraits.

## How can you help?

Here are some ways in which you can support your child when learning about Art at home.

- \* Talk about the illustrations in books and magazines. Have a go at copying and developing some of the artists' ideas.
- \* Wallpaper is great for large art work. A foot print painting maybe?
- \* Get into the habit of collecting interesting wrappers and scraps for collage and junk modelling.
- \* Visit some of the City's free galleries and museums for inspiration. Many run free activities during weekends and holidays.

*"Every child is an artist,"  
Pablo Picasso*



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This leaflet aims to give you a brief overview of Art at Summerhill Infant School