

## 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 and Design and Technology are taught throughout the year. 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
- \* Learn 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:

- \* Have the opportunity to explore a range of materials such as paint, pastels and pens. During the year they will have the opportunity to draw representations of themselves and people in their families.
- \* To create sculptures of different buildings.
- \* To explore mixing colours.

### Year 1 will:

- \* Have the opportunity to design and make their own toy using a range of materials.
- \* To create observational drawings of different plants.
- \* Exploring colour mixing with primary and secondary colours

### Year 2 will:

- \* Make animal habitats using a range of different materials.
- \* To study different artists and create pieces of artwork.
- \* To use primary and secondary colours to paint different animals.

## 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 <sup>is</sup> an artist.  
— PABLO PICASSO —



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