

Essential Characteristics of Artists



- The ability to use visual language skilfully and convincingly, to express emotions, interpret observations, convey insights and accentuate their individuality.
- The ability to communicate fluently in visual and tactile form
- The ability to draw confidently and adventurously from observation, memory and imagination.
- The ability to explore and invent marks, develop and deconstruct ideas and communicate perceptively and powerfully through purposeful drawing in 2D, 3D or digital media.
- An impressive knowledge and understanding of other artists, craft makers and designers.
- The ability to think and act like creative practitioners by using their knowledge and understanding to inform, inspire and interpret ideas, observations and feelings.
- Independence, initiative and originality which they can use to develop their creativity.
- The ability to select and use materials, processes and techniques skilfully and inventively to realise intentions and capitalise on the unexpected.
- The ability to reflect, analyse and critically evaluate their own work and that of others.
- A passion for and a commitment to the subject.

Art & Design Programmes of Study

Children will have opportunities to...

To develop ideas.

- Respond to ideas and starting points.
- Explore ideas and collect visual information.
- Explore different methods and materials as ideas to develop.

To master techniques.

- **Drawing:**
Draw lines of different sizes and thicknesses.
Colour own work nearly following the lines.
Show pattern and texture by adding dots and lines.
Show different tones by using colouring pencils.
- **Sculpture:**
Use a combination of shapes.
Include lines and texture.
Use rolled up paper, straws, paper, card & clay as materials.
Use techniques such as rolling, cutting, moulding & carving.
- **Painting:**
Use thick and thin brushes.
Mix primary colours to make secondary colours.
Add white to colours to make tints and black to colours to make tones.
Create colour wheels.
- **Collage:**
Use a combination of materials that are cut, torn and glued.
Sort and arrange materials.
Mix materials to create textures.
- **Textiles:**
Join materials using glue and/or stitching.
Use plating.
Use weaving to create a pattern.
Use dip dye techniques.
- **Print:**
Use repeating or overlapping shapes.
Mimic print from the environment (e.g. wallpapers).
Use objects to create prints.
Press, roll. Rub and stamp to make prints.
- **Digital Media:**
Use a wide range of tools to create different textures, lines, colours and shapes.

To take inspirations from the greats, classic and modern.

- Describe the work of notable artists, artisans and designers.
- Use some of the ideas of artists studied to create pieces.