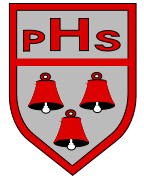


Heighington CE Primary School

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



As a village school, we acknowledge our role in our community. Our curriculum is constantly evolving, responding to the needs of our learners and their interests by enhancing learning experiences and raising awareness from our local area to national and global arenas.

Intent:

For children to fall in love with art and design, we must show them the beauty and creativity in the world around them.

'Every child is an artist' – Pablo Picasso

Through our Art curriculum, we intend to develop pupils who are creative and inspired artists, allowing children to develop a sense of purpose, relevance and creativity through a wide variety of artistic skills. Our curriculum recognises the importance of art and design, wherever appropriate, art is linked with to topics and the wider curriculum which gives children the opportunity to bring topics to life in a visual way. We believe that it is important that children feel a strong sense of achievement and have opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas in a creative outlet. Children's artwork is celebrated throughout the school in the form of displays in classrooms, hallways and communal areas.

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.

Implementation:

We want our children to be inquisitive, courageous, creative and resilient learners. In art, we aim to achieve this by developing a secure knowledge of artistic skills, techniques and artistic mediums. Our curriculum follows a clear pathway of progression for our children as they progress through the school, developing each child's skills to cover a broad range of topics from the National Curriculum as well as embedding the skills required to work artistically alongside this.

Children will learn a range of skills and techniques, using a range of mediums, more than once throughout their primary schooling. Each time they revisit a skill or technique, opportunities will be provided to allow pupils to develop their previous knowledge and skills at a greater level. Children will learn from past and present artists about what inspires/inspired them and what techniques they use to create their artwork.

Skills and techniques

During their seven years in Primary School, children will learn and practice a range of artistic techniques:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Print

These techniques are revisited over the years so that the children can build upon and refine their skills in each area. Throughout all projects, drawing and sketching will be a common thread and will be continuously developed.

Pupils will explore and develop their use of; line, tone, shape and shade, throughout their schooling.

Mediums

In art lessons, children will use a range of mediums to create their art;

- Pencils – drawing and coloured
- Felt pens
- Charcoal and pastels
- Paint
- Screen printing ink
- Junk modelling

The Early Year Foundation Stage children have daily access to both indoor and outdoor art provision areas where they can explore a variety of materials and techniques while developing their individual interests.

Throughout KS1 and KS2 children will have the opportunity to make links with other topics such as technical drawings within a design and technology project or to look closely and identify detail in science topics. As much of the learning, where possible, will be practical.

Impact:

As a result, art is a key part of our learning. We have a fun, engaging and high-quality art curriculum that provides children with the opportunities to become creative and inspired artists in their own right. Our children will become confident, resilient artists, who can use a range of materials, skills and techniques within their work, Children will be able to understand how to manipulate materials and apply this knowledge to their own works of art. They will have a good knowledge of real artists, past and present and understand what inspired them. Our children will not only acquire knowledge that is age-appropriate, but they will develop strong foundations in skills that will allow them throughout the various stages of their lifelong learning journeys.