



ELMS FARM ART AND DESIGN POLICY

Art is a creative subject and allows our children to express themselves in a range of different ways. They have the opportunity to try new things, work with others and create and produce pieces of art work that showcases who they are. We give children the opportunity to develop their skills over the years at school and progress these skills year on year. We also provide the children with opportunities to learn about different artists and cultures and take part in art activities and events with outside artists and agencies.

Aims and objectives

The aims of art and design are:

- to enable children to record from first-hand experience and from imagination, and to select their own ideas to use in their work;
- to develop creativity and imagination through a range of complex activities;
- to improve the children's ability to control materials, tools and techniques;
- to increase their critical awareness of the roles and purposes of art and design in different times and cultures;
- to develop increasing confidence in the use of visual and tactile elements and materials;
- to foster an enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts and a knowledge of artists,
- crafts people and designers

Teaching and Learning:

At Elms Farm Primary School we use a variety of teaching and learning styles in art and design lessons. Our key aim is to develop the children's knowledge, skills and understanding in art and design. We ensure that the act of investigating and making something includes exploring and developing ideas, and evaluating and developing work in order to be improving and progressing. We encourage children to evaluate their own ideas and methods, and the work of others, and articulate what they think and feel about them. Children also have the opportunity to use a wide range of materials and resources, including ICT.

Curriculum Planning:

Art and Design is often taught and used within other areas of the curriculum and to support and enhance the work done within the topics planned.. This also contributes towards our Artsmark journey which we are working towards. The activities in Art and Design are planned so that they build upon the prior learning of the children. While we give children of all abilities the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding, we also build planned progression into the scheme of work, so that there is an increasing challenge for the children as they move up through the school.