

Why we teach Art and Design at Coton Green Primary School

Intent

At Coton Green Primary School, we are passionate about providing our children with a creative, exciting and expressive curriculum. With this, it is our intent that children love art, craft and design! We want them to be able to express themselves through their work and know no limits in what their ambitions may be. We want children to grow up wanting to be illustrators, graphic designers, fashion designers, curators or architects. Our Art and Design curriculum has been specifically designed to expose children to a range of culturally and creatively diverse artists whom they can learn from, take inspiration from and develop their own styles from. We value our Art and Design curriculum and take great pride in watching, and helping our children become confident and proud artists.

Implementation

- At Coton Green Primary School, there is a carefully sequenced learning journey across the school with a clear progression in both skills and knowledge being taught.
- Each child in school has a sketchbook where they make initial sketches, develop skills, record ideas, experiment with a variety of mediums and develop opinions.
- Each term, the children study a different artistic topic where they focus on a particular skill, style or technique. Whether that be within drawing, painting or sculpting, this will build upon the knowledge and skills learned in previous years.
- For each unit, the children have a knowledge organiser which they use to learn about the topic ahead; harness their skills through spaced-practice tasks and refer back to key vocabulary when needed.
- Through deep discussions about artists' work, influences and messages, children share their own opinions, explore the 'stories' behind the art and understand inspirations.
- CPD opportunities are available to staff throughout the year to ensure high levels of confidence and knowledge are maintained to provide the very best Art and Design curriculum that we can at Coton Green Primary School.

Impact

The impact of our Art and Design curriculum will be outstanding progress throughout a child's time at Coton Green Primary School. Our Art and Design curriculum will lead pupils to be enthusiastic learners, evidenced in a range of ways, including pupil voice, their final pieces and sketchbooks. We ensure that children who are achieving well, as well as those who need additional support, are identified, and additional provision and strategies are planned in. Additional art clubs will take place throughout the year as well as internal and external competitions. Impact of our curriculum will see many children wanting to take these opportunities up and see Art and Design as a passion as well as a subject.

Mr. Newton

Art and Design Subject Leader