

Bridgewater

Art and Design Curriculum Intent

Art is an important part of developing our children's ability to share and express their creativity, ideas and understanding, whilst working both individually and collaboratively with others. At Bridgewater, we believe that high-quality Art lessons will inspire children to think innovatively and develop creative procedural understanding. We also enable our children to visit and work with museums and galleries in the North East and London. Our Art and Design curriculum is accessible to all and provides children with opportunities to develop their skills using a range of media and materials. Children learn the skills of drawing, painting, printing, collage, textiles, 3D work and digital art and are given the opportunity to explore and evaluate different creative ideas. Children will be introduced to a range of works and develop knowledge of the styles and vocabulary used by famous artists. The skills they acquire are applied to their cross-curricular topics, allowing children to use their art skills to be creative, reflect on and explore topics in greater depth. It is paramount that artwork be purposeful; be this as a means of expression or to explore the styles of other artists that inspire our own work. Children should be clear what the intended outcomes are and have a means to measure their own work against this. In Art, children are expected to be reflective and evaluate their work, thinking about how they can make changes and keep improving. This should be meaningful and continuous throughout the process, with evidence of age-related verbal and written reflection. Children are encouraged to take risks and experiment and then reflect on why some ideas and techniques are successful or not for a particular project. Our aim is to ensure that children feel confident approaching artwork, feel a strong sense of achievement, value the impact of art and are able to reach their full potential.