

## Art Curriculum – Intent

The importance of art in the lives of children is essential for children's imagination and creativity to develop. Art enables children of all abilities to use their creative imagination to achieve their potential with guidance and given criteria. We believe art will develop children's imagination, resilience, experiences and creativity. Children are enabled to develop ideas and feelings that can be communicated in tactile and visual form. New Invention Infant school see Art as a highly valued area of learning. We encourage the children to feel proud about their art work and give them the opportunity to display their work in our classrooms and corridors.

Through the teaching of art we aim to ensure that all children at New Invention Infant School have the entitlement to a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum. Children learn about the work of a range of craft makers, sculptures and artists, describing similarities and differences between practises and link this to their own art work. This will enable children to develop the ability to justify decisions they make about their own art work as well as experimenting with some of the techniques used by these artists. Children will have the skill set and confidence to communicate their ideas through their artwork which will enable them to record what they imagine and what the children observe. Children will develop the ability to make critical decisions about their work and the work of others, using appropriate language to talk about it. Children safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. We provide children with opportunities to experience a range of art activities and show progression within these experiences. Children have the ability to develop positive attitudes towards art encouraging experimentation and involvement.

## Art curriculum – Implement

### Early Years

Art in the early years provides endless opportunities for being creative and thinking critically. Art based learning experiences enable a child to develop, ideas and processes and test hypotheses therefore discovering new techniques by accident. In early years children have the freedom to use art throughout all areas of the curriculum. We encourage children to explore, experiment and create different media throughout indoor and outdoor environments.

We also have taught art sessions where we instil the basic key skills for children to develop their love of art and creativity. We teach children how to hold and use art equipment safely and correctly. Children have the freedom to experiment with different colour paints, pastels, glitters and other art media where they explore and create. During art lessons children have access to a wide range of resources which enables them to develop their own art experiences alongside using art skills to learn, explore and develop. Children can access art throughout continuous provision and enhancements where we provide children with a rich range of art opportunities. Children will build on their basic art knowledge including a range of appropriate art vocabulary and artists. At our school we believe art

should be incorporated throughout all areas of learning, therefore, children access art through broad and balanced cross curricular activities.

### Key stage one

In Key Stage One, children will build their knowledge of the key areas of the art curriculum in a fortnightly taught lesson. Children have topic based lessons where they build their skills to create an overall project. Children begin with basic skills, these skills develop throughout the art lessons and children are able to apply more complex skills by the end of the art based topic. Children have access to art throughout continuous provision where children will engage with concepts covered in lessons. Children are given the opportunities to consolidate, practise and develop their art skills.

### How do we support children with SEND?

Children with SEND at New Invention Infant School, enjoy art and have opportunities to progress well. Children are supported by skilled staff that are enthusiastic, creative and supportive. Art is a creative subject with a limitless opportunities for all children to express their creativity. Art at our school is a very inclusive and practical subject, which is accessible to all learners.

### What parents/carers can do to promote art at home?

- Encourage children to research and investigate artists and sculptures.
- Encourage and support children to explore and experiment with art at home.
- If possible give children the opportunity to visit art galleries and museums.
- Discuss you child's progress with the class teacher.

To celebrate achievement parents are invited into school to see what art work the children have achieved throughout the year. Our children are proud of the work they achieve and enjoy celebrating their creations with peers, teachers and parents.