



Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School

Characteristics of an Artist



Curriculum Intent:

At Woodlands Park School, we value art, craft and design as a fundamental part of every child's development. Our carefully created art and design curriculum should engage, inspire and challenge all pupils and encourage in them a love of art in all its forms. Pupils should be taught the vocabulary, skills and knowledge needed to experiment, invent and create their own works of art and design in an encouraging and safe environment. We believe that pupils should feel their work is evaluated in a constructive and supportive way. As the children move through the school, their skills, knowledge and understanding should be built upon. Through the study of art, craft and design, as well as other subjects across the curriculum, they will begin to understand how art and design has shaped and been represented through history and cultures of the world around us. As Picasso said 'Every child is an artist'

Characteristics of our Art Curriculum:

The ability to:

Explore and develop ideas through jotting, sketching, receiving feedback, giving feedback and self-review

Explore and develop knowledge, skills and key vocabulary in order to master techniques; Mark making, Drawing, Painting, Collage, Textiles and Sculpture

Take inspiration from the greats to develop a passion for art and understand the importance of art in shaping our past.

Learning Opportunities in EYFS

- To explore and develop a variety of artistic effects – talking about light and dark shades, hot and cold colours
- Explore how they can combine colours for their own purpose.
- Free access to a variety of resources to use within their independent and collaborative explorations.
- Free access to loose parts outside to build and work with independently
- Supported to use tools provided by adult modelling
- Supported to use different paint techniques
- Provided with opportunities with mark making on a variety of surfaces, paper sizes and orientations.
- Multiple ways of sharing their art.
- Looking at work of different artists

Learning Opportunities in Key Stage One

- Use experiences and ideas as the inspiration for artwork
- Share ideas using drawing, painting and sculpture
- Explore a variety of techniques
- Learn about the great artist, architects and designers in history.

Learning Opportunities in Key Stage Two

- Use experiences, other subjects across the curriculum and ideas as inspiration for artwork
- Develop and share ideas in a sketchbook and in finished products
- Improve mastery of techniques
- Learn about the great artists, architects and designers in history.