

Intent

At Pentland Infant and Nursery School we believe that Art stimulates children's creativity and imagination which is a vital to create a well-rounded education and offer children an outlet for their creativity and well-being. We want our children to enjoy art in all its forms and believe they have the potential to produce work that is appreciated and valued. The art curriculum will develop children's critical abilities, as well as an understanding of their own and others' cultural heritages through the study of a diverse range of artists.

Implementation

The teaching and the implementation of the Art and Design curriculum at Pentland I & N School is based on the National Curriculum and supported by Cornerstones to ensure a clear skills and knowledge progression. Children are given the chance to experience and participate in a range of creative activities and first-hand experiences with local artists. Lessons are always practical in nature and encourage experimental and exploratory learning; using sketchbook to document ideas.

Impact

At Pentland I & N School children will develop an awareness of the emotional impact the Arts have on themselves and on an audience. Children will have the confidence and language to express themselves creatively and will develop a love and appreciation of the Arts. As children progress through school they will become more proficient in painting, drawing, sculpture and in other areas of Art & Design.

In Art & Design lessons, you will see/hear:

- Children engaged in 2D and 3D Artwork
- Children applying the correct terminology.
- Children using sketch books to explore a range of skills.
- Children familiar with a range of Artists and their Artwork.
- Children talking about their Artwork.



Art & Design at Pentland 'In a Nutshell'



How do we assess our children?

- Visual evidence
- Children discussing what they have learnt.
- Children to talk to their peers about their learning.
- Children's work annotations
- Sketchbooks and Artwork can be used to inform assessment of the children's progress and understanding of key knowledge and skills.

What do our pupils say about Art & Design?

"I love Art, it's fun"

"I can be an Artist too"

To excite and engage our pupils we...

- Plan creative theme days.
- Prompt discussions asking children to share their ideas and thoughts
- Have visiting Artists.
- Study historical and contemporary Artists.
- Provide children with opportunities to explore a range of techniques and develop new skill sets.

Our priorities to improve Art & Design are:

- Ensuring that there is more evidence of children's experiences and achievements in Art and they are celebrated across the school.
- More opportunities for cross curricular
- Develop more Art focused activities as a way to develop children's skills
- PHF Research - Can we observe change in a pupil as a result of engaging with creative

Non Negotiables

- Teaching implemented using the National Curriculum.
- Cross curricular links.
- Teaching and learning using the correct vocabulary.
- Opportunities to share and celebrate achievements.