Newport Infant School and Nursery

Art Policy

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Introduction

At Newport Infant School and Nursery we aim to provide pupils with a high quality art education that fosters their creativity and develops their knowledge and understanding of artists and craft makers.

Purpose of the policy

This policy outlines the aims, content and approach to the teaching of Art and design at our school, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements and alignment with the school's values and ethos.

Purpose of Study

Art, craft and design allows children to express their creativity and imagination whilst also drawing on their past or current experiences. Pupils will be equipped with the skills, knowledge and concepts needed for them to express their ideas in a variety of forms including visual and tactile. They will study a range of artists and understand the significance of their work and how it contributes to our history and contributes to our culture.

Aims

- develop an understanding and enjoyment of art, craft and design
- produce a range of creative work using different techniques which develops own ideas and records experiences
- experience using a wide range of art materials and show progression when using different media (including painting, drawing and sketching)
- develop an understanding of the work of artists, designers and craftspeople and apply this knowledge to their own work

Teaching and Learning

Long term planning across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ensures that all key skills and content are covered and that there is a clear progression of knowledge and skills.

In Reception and Nursery, we plan and teach 'Expressive Arts and Design' as one of the seven areas set out in the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage to develop a child's imagination, creativity and their ability to use media and materials. Children will have the opportunity to explore a range of mediums, and they will begin to learn about famous artists and illustrators, using their work as an inspiration for their own.

In Key Stage 1 pupils will be taught:

- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work

In KS1, Art is taught discretely as a 6 week block each term for 1 hour a week. The planning allows for subject specific knowledge and skills to be developed within a set unit context. Each unit will allow children to practice and develop a range of art skills but will focus on a particular element of art. Within each unit, pupils will learn about famous artists and are encouraged to evaluate the artwork, identifying the elements of art and talking about likes and dislikes. Art is taught through a range of practical activities that allow pupils to develop their skills. Pupils will be given the opportunity to use a variety of high quality art materials and work on different scales. Each pupil will have an art Sketch Book in which they will record and collate most of their art learning across KS1.

All teaching and learning is inclusive and promotes equality and inclusion for all pupils. Appropriate adaptations to the curriculum offer are made for pupils with additional needs, medical conditions and those who require support with English as a second language.

Assessment

Art will be assessed using ongoing teacher judgement based on work in pupils' sketchbooks, pupils' responses during discussions and observations during practical activities.