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| **Art at Heathcoat Primary School** |

**Intent**

At Heathcoat Primary School we value Art and Design as an important part of the children’s entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum.

* Art and Design provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend skills and express their individual interests, thoughts and ideas.
* Our high-quality art and design education intends to engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. It enables children to express themselves in a creative, imaginative manner through exploration and experimentation.
* We teach the children a skills-based curriculum, in the areas of drawing, painting, collage, 3D modelling, sculpture and printing.
* Children will develop observation and evaluation skills.

**Implementation**

The teaching and implementation of the Art and Design Curriculum at Heathcoat Primary School is based on the National Curriculum and (where appropriate) linked to topics to ensure a well-structured approach to this creative subject. Five main areas of art (drawing, painting, collage, 3D work and printing) are taught on a two-year rolling programme, with one area being taught each term.

We teach a skills-based art curriculum, which allows children to express their creative imagination as well as providing them with opportunities to practise and develop mastery in the key processes of art: drawing, painting, printing and sculpture and 3D sculpture.   
Lessons are usually taught on a termly basis and involve studying existing pieces of art, sketching aspects of these, with a particular focus on the **necessary skills and practising these**, before completing a final piece. The evidence of their work is collected within the art sketch book which follows the children through the school. Photographs of larger, group or 3D pieces are also kept within this book.

The children's learning will be further enhanced with a whole school arts week where the children have the opportunity for collaborative working and exploring the different styles and techniques of a range of artists.

**Impact**

The pupil’s knowledge of visual elements of art are recorded in their sketchbooks and the development of their physical skills will be evaluated against Key Performance Indicators in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques.

As sketchbooks follow each pupil through the school the children can see their own progression and develop awareness of their own abilities and skills, as well as their teachers, being able to see and assess progress of key skills.

Each pupil will;

• Develop a life-long love of art and the freedom and expression it provides.

• Experience a broad, balanced arts curriculum, with an emphasis on the development of understanding and skills in art and design.

• Be given a wide range of opportunities to express themselves creatively.

• Begin to develop awareness of the emotional impact the arts have on themselves and on an audience.

• Create own artwork that they are proud of and reflects excellence for them.