

# **St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School**



**Art & Design Policy**  
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## **'St Joseph The Worker Art & Design Policy'**

**At St Joseph the Worker we believe that art is a fantastic way for all children of all ages to express themselves, be creative and to explore.**

**Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity.**

**A high-quality art and design education should 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. (National Curriculum 2014)**

### **INTENT**

**At St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School we will ensure that all children:**

- have entitlement to a broad and balanced, enriching curriculum
- enjoy an active involvement in art, craft and design
- have the confidence as well as the skills and experience necessary to communicate their ideas through their artwork
- have the opportunities to experience a broad and balanced range of art activities and show progression within these experiences
- have opportunities to learn about art from different times and cultures
- become visually literate and able to identify and apply the key elements of art
- will be given equal access to the experience of the art regardless of gender, race or disability

**The National Curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:**

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

### **National Curriculum Subject Content**

**Key stage 1 pupils should be taught to:**

- use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination

- 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.

### **Key stage 2 pupils should be taught to:**

- develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.
- create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history.

### **Implementation**

At St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School Art and design will be taught from Nursery to Yr6.

Each term, every class will study an inspirational artist/designer/architect. Children will learn about the work of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, making links to their own work.

Pupils will be taught to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.

Children will learn how to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.

Pupils will be taught how to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

Pupils will be enabled to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.

All children will be encouraged and shown how to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials (for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay).

### **Inclusion**

At our school, Art & Design lessons are inclusive and accessible for all pupils. We believe every child should have the opportunity to express themselves creatively and experience success through art, regardless of ability or need. Teachers plan lessons with adaptive teaching approaches to ensure that all learners can engage fully with the curriculum.

Lessons are differentiated through a variety of strategies, including the use of alternative tools, materials, and techniques to suit individual learning styles and needs. Support may include visual aids, step-by-step demonstrations, scaffolded tasks, or the use of assistive technology. Staff work closely with the SEND lead to ensure appropriate adjustments are made and that pupils with specific needs receive the right level of support and challenge.

Our inclusive approach fosters confidence, independence, and enjoyment for every pupil, celebrating diverse abilities and perspectives within the creative process.

### **Impact**

During their time at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, children will benefit from a rich broad and balanced programme of art and design. They will experience and experiment with a wide range of materials as they explore art and design to grow and flourish as artists and designers. They will build a growing love and awareness of the art and design which runs through their own history, culture and other cultures as they are introduced to the world of artists and works of art. They will learn about sculptors, designers and architects and they will be taken to galleries, exhibitions and places rich in architectural heritage to broaden their horizons and to appreciate great works of art.