

Avondale Primary School

Support for parents – Art and Design

What is Primary Art and Design?

At Avondale, we aim for Art and design to stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world. Pupils use colour, form, texture, pattern and different materials and processes to communicate what they see, feel and think. We value art and design as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. We recognise the vital role of art and design in allowing curiosity, creativity and self-expression to develop alongside resilience, confidence and critical thinking skills. Our curriculum has been designed around the following units: Formal Elements, Art and Design Skills and Application units.

Art and Design projects you could try at home:

EYFS

What you do: Find a smooth stone or large pebble about the size of the palm of your child's hand. Have them paint a picture of something (an insect, a flower or a dinosaur) on the stone. Once dried, varnish the stone/pebble.

They're learning about... Using different tools and materials to create art.

KS1

What you do: Choose a famous painting (for example, Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers) and have your child study different sections of the picture – use a magnifying glass to help if you have one. They then draw, paint, or use pastels, recreating that specific part of the picture, larger and in detail.

They're learning about... How to look at the work of different artists using different tools and techniques.

KS2

What you do: Chat with your child about how they are feeling, perhaps asking them, "How does it make you feel when X happens?" Write down the key emotion words they use. Present them with paints or sketching pencils and encourage them to draw a picture of their mood. Explain that it might be an abstract picture, where the meaning isn't immediately

obvious – look at some abstract art online together so that they understand they don't have to represent emotion through objects.

They're learning about... Communicating ideas and feelings through artwork.

Artists, Craftspeople and Designers

The children will learn about a variety of artists, craftspeople and designers as they progress through school. You may wish to find out more about:

Kandinsky

Clarice Cliff

Carl Giles

Barbara Hepworth

Paul Klee

Useful Websites:

- Purple Mash – children have a login
- [Arts and Crafts](#)
- [Art Hub](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- Our Avondale Intranet page
- Twinkl Parents