



Art and Design Curriculum Intent

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. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. (From the Art and Design National Curriculum 2014 document).

Art and design 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. 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.

At Avondale Primary School the teaching of art and design should help children to develop an interest in and appreciation of the creative world.

- To promote a stimulating environment in creativity, originality and expressiveness.
- To enable pupils to acquire a wide range of skills and concepts through a balanced curriculum and apply these appropriately in a variety of art media.
- To provide teaching and learning for the development of co-operation, communication, confidence and creativity.
- To develop an appreciation of art within children's own work and their environment and within the work of artists, craft workers and designers from a variety of genres, cultures and historical periods.
- To use skills and imagination, tools and materials safely to communicate confidently.
- To provide every child with the breadth, depth and progression of experiences which allows them to effectively explore ideas, investigate, make, evaluate and develop their own work.
- To display work in the classrooms and communal areas for the enjoyment and appreciation of all.

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 form