

Art and Design Curriculum Statement

Art and design is an essential part of the primary curriculum. Art allows children to develop their imagination and creativity, to make connections through their inventive minds and gives children the skills to record their imagination and ideas.

Children can develop their observational skills through art and design, which helps children become better observers to the world around them.

At Chulmleigh Primary, the youngest children in the Nursery are given access to mark making resources where they can explore colour and line and learn how they can be changed. They are encouraged to express feelings through their art and mark making and capture experiences and responses with a wide range of media. This is further developed in Reception class, where children begin to create simple representations of events, people and objects, choosing particular colours and textures for their purpose.

As the children progress through school, art experiences are built upon so the children can make decisions about their approach to different challenges. Drawing skills are used to support many other subjects as illustrations etc, and as such are very important aspects of how the children record their knowledge visually, so these skills are valued throughout the curriculum.

At Chulmleigh Primary School, we believe that all children should be given the opportunity to become great artists and to learn the skills they need to express themselves creatively. We want to provide high quality art and design opportunities that aim to inspire young minds and generate creative thinking for the future. We also aim to foster a life-long love and appreciation of the subject. Children will be actively encouraged to explore art as a visual representation of cultural diversity and to use this to help their wider understanding of the world around them. Throughout their time at Chulmleigh, children will study a range of artists throughout history in order to gain an appreciation and understanding of their own and others' cultural heritage.

Using the National Curriculum as a starting point, our progression map in art has a focus on developing proficiency in: drawing and sketching, understanding colour, creating pattern and texture, using line, form space and shape and sculpture. In line with the Chulmleigh Primary's emphasis on promoting oracy, children will be taught the correct vocabulary to describe, respond, evaluate and criticise their own work and that of the artist they are studying.