

OLA Curriculum Intent: Art

Our **Art curriculum** is designed to inspire and develop creativity, self-expression, and an appreciation for artistic achievement. We aim to **nurture curiosity, imagination, and technical skills** while encouraging children to explore and respond to the world around them through visual and tactile experiences.

Our curriculum ensures that pupils:

- ✓ **Explore their Ideas and Emotions through Various Artistic Forms** - Developing confidence in using different techniques, media, and materials.
- ✓ **Develop Technical Skills & Knowledge** - Learning fundamental artistic skills, including drawing, painting, printing and sculpture.
- ✓ **Appreciate Artists & Cultural Heritage** - Exposing them to a diverse range of artists, movements and styles from different cultures and historical periods.
- ✓ **Develop problem-solving, critical thinking, and fine motor skills through artistic practice** - Integrating art with other subjects such as history, science and literacy.
- ✓ **Encourage Reflection & Evaluation** - Teaching children to review and refine their work with a growth mindset.

Each topic has been carefully chosen and planned to ensure that our curriculum principles and intent can be achieved.

By connecting our learning in Art to our Big Idea curriculum, pupils also develop a deep understanding of these abstract concepts while enriching their knowledge of the Art curriculum. This approach supports the development of critical thinking, curiosity, and cross-disciplinary connections, equipping pupils with the skills and understanding they need to navigate the world around them and become the best version of themselves.

Community	How does Art bring people together and make communities distinctive? How does Art shape and reflect our society?
Human Rights	How can art be used to express the importance of human rights and inspire positive change?
Stewardship	How does our world inspire Art and creativity?
Resilience	How do artists inspire us in the way they have managed to face adversity in different historical contexts?
Equality	How have artists broken boundaries and championed equality in the past?
Health	How can we depict the idea of physical and emotional well-being through our drawings or paintings?
Wonder	How does curiosity about the world lead to new ideas in Art?
Technology	How can technology help us to create art?