

Subject Area: Art and Design

Intent Statement:

At Blue Coat Infant School, we value Art and Design as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. We ensure every child can access, enjoy and succeed in art through adaptive teaching, flexible resources and appropriate support. Art and Design provides the children with the opportunities to develop and extend skills and an opportunity to express their individual interests, thought and ideas.

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.

Our curriculum has been devised using the growing knowledge of cognitive theory and meta-cognition research and its impact on pupil outcomes. Our knowledge-based, values-led curriculum is designed using subject based units and is sequenced progressively so that new knowledge and skills build on what has come before. We ensure that the knowledge we teach is spaced, with regular retrieval practice so children can apply the key content and skills in varying contexts and build secure schemas of understanding based on their prior knowledge. Therefore, actively forging links between concepts and schemas over time.