

Art and Design

STATEMENT OF INTENT



MYTHAM VISION STATEMENT for Art and Design

At Mytham we want children to enjoy engaging in art activities and exploring their creativity. Our art and design curriculum will engage, inspire and challenge pupils. It will equip them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

We want children to appreciate the work and talent of other artists and crafts people, sometimes using it as a stimulus for creating their own unique works of art

Our art curriculum provides a clear and comprehensive scheme of work that facilitates progression of skills across all key stages within the following strands of Art ; drawing painting, collage, textiles, 3 D sculpture , print making and digital

Pupils are encouraged to explore media and practice their skills. From KS2, students will begin to record their ideas in Sketchbooks.

Teaching will allow children to use their own creativity and imagination and where appropriate produce a piece of work as an outcome and be provided with an opportunity to celebrate this. We have an art Gallery; ' Art Space' which showcases work from Nursery to Y6.

From KS1, Pupils will study at least three 12 hour art units per academic year . The themes for the units are mostly cross curricular and generally involve studying the works of 'real' artists as a starting point. For example , in 'Extreme Earth' , Y3/4 students explore the themes Forest Fires, Tsunami or Volcanoes. They look at how artists have captured these phenomena in a range of exciting ways. They learn the artist's technique and then apply this technique into their own interpretation. In 'War Artists' Y5/6 pupils study the work of artists during WW2 who captured the images of war on the home front and battle front. Children then take photographs of scenes from the Blitz and create a piece of work as though through the eyes of a war artist . Other classes look at portraiture and paint portraits of WW2 heroes or modern day heroes.

Some units are linked to the local area eg Cotton Coal and Canals in Y3/4 will help pupils to understand the heritage of the Little Lever community while others eg 'Rainforest' in Y1/2 will take them on a journey to far corners of the world.

All pupils—especially those who are vulnerable or who have SEND –will have access to **all** the art curriculum.

Our approach to art and design will encourage all children to feel able to express themselves in a creative way which will give them confidence. We know that for some this will enable a flair to emerge, while for others it will be a subject which they enjoy and find confidence in despite finding other subjects being challenging. For others it will be a therapeutic and calming experience to be enjoyed.