



We are Artists

At Woodlands, we encourage children to appreciate the work of others while developing confidence in their own creativity. Through art, pupils are inspired to express their ideas, opinions and individuality, celebrating what makes them unique.

Intent

At Woodlands, we provide a rich and engaging Art curriculum that develops children's artistic skills and creativity over time. Pupils explore the work of a wide range of artists from different periods and cultures, helping them to appreciate art as a diverse and evolving form of expression. Through experimenting with different techniques, materials and ideas, children develop confidence in their artistic abilities, learn to discuss and evaluate artwork, and enjoy expressing themselves creatively. We value the artistic process, encouraging exploration, creativity and enjoyment as important outcomes of learning in art.

Implementation

At Woodlands, we believe that every child is an artist and provide a rich, engaging curriculum that enables all pupils to develop confidence, creativity and technical skill. Our Art curriculum is carefully sequenced so that knowledge and skills build progressively over time across five key disciplines: drawing, painting, collage, printmaking and 3D work. Children explore a wide range of materials, techniques and artistic processes, developing their understanding of key visual elements such as line, shape, colour, texture, tone and form. Through studying the work of influential artists from different periods and cultures, pupils learn to appreciate diverse forms of artistic expression while developing their own unique creative voice.

At the start of each unit, children are introduced to an artist whose work inspires and informs their learning. They are encouraged to discuss, analyse and respond to artwork using appropriate artistic vocabulary, helping to develop both their critical thinking and oracy skills. Pupils regularly reflect on their own work and the work of others, considering how ideas can be refined and improved.

Art is taught through carefully planned sequences of lessons three times each year, with sketchbooks playing a central role in the creative process. These provide a space for children to experiment, practise techniques, record ideas and showcase their artistic journey over time. We place great value on exploration, creativity and enjoyment, encouraging pupils to take risks, express themselves with confidence and develop a lifelong appreciation of art.

High-quality teaching and learning are supported through regular assessment, pupil voice, sketchbook reviews and learning walks, ensuring consistency, progression and strong outcomes for all children.

Impact

At Woodlands, children leave as enthusiastic, confident and creative artists who enjoy exploring, discussing and expressing their ideas through art. They develop the skills to observe closely, experiment with different techniques and refine their work, understanding that creativity is a journey of exploration and improvement.

Through studying a diverse range of influential artists and artistic movements, pupils gain a deeper appreciation of art and its role in reflecting different cultures, experiences and perspectives. They leave Woodlands with a strong foundation of artistic knowledge, confidence in their own creative abilities, and a lifelong appreciation of the arts and the world around them.