



LATCHMERE  
ACADEMY TRUST

# Art & Design Policy

**September 2021**

**Date for review: September 2022**

*NB: Throughout this document Latchmere Academy Trust may be abbreviated to "LAT"*

## **Aims- Intent - What are we trying to achieve?**

Over their school life, we aim for our pupils to appreciate great art and great artists, designers, craftspeople both past and present from a variety of cultures. We want our pupils to become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques. Pupils evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design. We believe that pupils should have opportunities to capture their ideas in sketchbooks and produce art that is open and expressive but also be taught specific skills to develop their drawing, painting, sculpture etc. Children are encouraged to appreciate and evaluate their work and that of their peers. Children's artwork is valued for its uniqueness and they seek to foster work of quality. Art is an important feature of a holistic education: the fostering of creative thinking and developing the capacity to imagine, invent, design, plan, experiment, problem solve, review, modify and enjoy.

## **Implementation – How is the curriculum being delivered?**

When appropriate, art and design lessons are taught as part of a half-termly topic, which links with other areas of the curriculum: history, geography and design and technology. A curriculum map is shared on the school's website so that parents are able to support their child's learning at home. We recognise that sometimes art and design is best taught in discrete lessons so that the knowledge, skills and understanding of art and design can be taught effectively. They will have opportunities to use a variety of resources in a dedicated learning art room and use our outdoor environment to inspire their work.

Art and Design has a progression map setting out the knowledge, skills, understanding, vocabulary and cultural capital opportunities for each year group. The progression map shows a coherent progression in expectations, all meeting the national curriculum programme of study for art and design.

Teachers create a curriculum map for their year group based on the art and design map, making appropriate links to other areas of the curricular when possible. Pupils record their work in sketchbooks from Year 1. Work is often shared with parents in exhibitions.

Pupils will be given feedback for each piece of work so that they can make rapid and sustained progress over their school life.

Teachers have a range of resources to support their planning, teaching and assessment. These include: a well-stocked art room; Kapow scheme of work and share ideas online. We also have a Gallery of Excellence display which displays works of art from the artists we study across our curriculum and other masterpieces. This is used as a reference for teaching.

A balance of the following processes over Key Stages 1 and 2 will ensure that the aims are achieved. The teacher will ensure:-

- equal access of opportunities is offered
- organisation of areas for practical work.
- organisation of tools and equipment.
- organisation of water and cleaning facilities.
- arrangement and use of display areas.
- SEN children are identified and monitored.
- Health & Safety requirements (see appendix 1).

### **Impact - What difference is the curriculum making?**

At Nelson Primary School we value art and design because it encourages pupils to develop their creativity and imagination, to explore their ideas and communicate them using a variety of media. Our curriculum will 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.

Art and Design will promote the pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development by creating opportunities and activities for pupils to develop their self-esteem and confidence inside and beyond the classroom. Pupils will be encouraged to create, reflect, become independent learners and develop their teamwork skills.

Art and Design will promote British Values by ensuring children develop their understanding of how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

### **PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ART & DESIGN POLICY**

- Head of School
- Art Subject Leader
- Individual class teachers

### **RESOURCES**

A selection of basic resources for artwork is kept in classrooms. Specialist resources for artwork are stored in the Art Room. The quality of these needs to be maintained so that the children value the school's resources and gain full benefit from them.

There are many kinds of resources for art:

#### **1. Equipment and Organisation of Art Resources**

- Non-consumable items of equipment and materials should be accessible and clearly labelled.
- Consumable materials require economic use and storage.

- Thorough cleaning and tidying at the end of activities should be seen as an important skill to be developed from nursery age.

## **2. Display**

- Wall and 3D display space should be found.
- Examples of children's work and other artists' work as well as photographs, artefacts and natural objects should be present.
- The effect should provide stimuli for further work as well as show that children's art is valued.
- Use of IT.
- Albums showing good practice and successful displays.

## **3. Human Resources**

- Children.
- Parents.
- People in the local community.
- Museum / gallery staff.
- Artists in residence.

## **4. Resources for different kinds of art and design.**

- Resources From Home
- Collections Of Artefacts And Natural Forms
- Books / Postcards
- Slides
- Reproductions
- Art Materials / Textiles
- Computer Draw And Paint Programs
- The school buildings and grounds
- The local environment
- Visits to galleries / museums

## **5. Time – essential for quality and depth of work.**

### **Good Resources help to:-**

- Make links across the curriculum.
- Offer insights about other people and how they have tackled similar work.
- Provide opportunity for discussion – critical assessment of children's work.
- Provide opportunities for written work.
- Encourage children to make collections themselves – classify, order, select.
- Encourage research.

## **ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING**

Teachers evaluate at all times and should do so in art teaching. Assessment derives from the nature of the activity. Time should be set-aside in art lessons to question and discuss with children the learning involved and positively evaluate the work produced. Teacher assessment through observation and discussion with children should inform planning of subsequent art activities.

The end-of-unit expectations provide broad descriptions of achievement within each unit and helps teachers decide where a child's progress differs markedly from the rest of the class. To "audit" this procedure an 'annual overview' enables teachers to see whether all areas are being addressed.

Each child will be provided with a sketchbook at Spring term of Year 1 for use throughout Key Stage 2. This will provide evidence of the working process and use of a variety of media.

Children's intrinsic satisfaction is often reward for positive achievement in art. Children should also be rewarded as they would in other curriculum areas. Displaying artwork carefully is one way of rewarding children's efforts.

The development and spread of ability can be seen on both display boards and 3-dimensional display space around the school.

Children's achievement and progress in art will be reported at the end of each academic year.

## **DIFFERENTIATION**

Children will be given opportunities to undertake artwork individually, in pairs, in groups and as a whole class. Children will often be making an individual response to a whole class or group stimulus / task. Art activities essentially require a personal response, so for many activities a child will be able to respond at their own level within the group.

Children who experience difficulties with artwork could be helped in the following ways:-

- Given extra help and guidance by the teacher or a teaching assistant to reinforce learning skills and concepts.
- Given further opportunities to practise, using appropriate tools and equipment.
- Given extra encouragement by working in a smaller group with the teacher or a teaching assistant.
- Given opportunities to work on a group project with more able children so as to enable them to experience success and satisfaction.

Children with outstanding artistic abilities could be encouraged by:-

- Attending Art Club.
- Providing opportunities for them to develop their ideas further.
- Introducing new media, skills and concepts.

- Setting specific problems for them to resolve that require a more disciplined response.

Some children may experience difficulties learning the “language” of art and this may hinder their ability to describe and evaluate their work. A “visual vocabulary” could be reinforced in other curriculum areas.

**Safety:** In a practical activity such as art, it is not possible to remove all risks. However, it is important that children are well supervised and learn to use equipment with due care and respect and wear protective clothing where necessary. (See appendix 1).

## **CONCLUSION**

Art and design flourish in stimulating learning environment where there are visual resources to study: natural forms, artefacts and art, real and in reproduction. High quality accessible tools and materials invite participation.

## Appendix 1

**Note: The general teaching requirement for health and safety applies in this subject.**

### Health & Safety Education DES August 1991

10.18 Art contributes to health and safety education by enabling pupils to become aware that there are potential hazards to health in the use of certain materials, substances, tools and machines. Pupils' enjoyment of the subject may be hampered when matters of health and safety are not given proper attention. In a practical activity such as art, it is not possible to remove all risks and hazards. The important consideration is that pupils should be carefully supervised, in rooms where active learning is well managed and where they can learn to work in appropriate ways. At present, whilst there are several useful manuals about safety in schools generally, there is no concise document which focuses on safety in art education. We have written to the Department of Education and Science suggesting that a short publication on this issue would be of great value to schools.

10.19 In primary schools, although there are many art activities which are considered harmless, it is important that pupils learn to use items of protective clothing such as overalls, aprons and gloves and, on occasions, goggles and masks. Protective clothing is always needed when sawing, filing, carving, varnishing, spraying (using inks or aerosol) and handling clay and hot wax (for batik). There are a number of other tools which are potentially hazardous such as scissors, knives and lino cutters and their suitable storage is as important as their sensible and safe use.

The layout of the working environment is important in reinforcing safe practice. If the school has a designated space or room for art, it is important that areas for working, display and storage are clearly defined. Materials and tools should be labelled and instructions displayed on walls and other surfaces. Plastic containers should be used instead of glass jars or bottles. The same principles apply to the art area or corner in the classroom. Care should be taken also when setting up activities and when clearing away.

Pupils should be taught :

- about hazards, risks and risk control
- to recognise hazards, assess consequent risks and take steps to control the risks to themselves and others
- to use information to assess the immediate and culminative risks
- to manage their environment to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others
- to explain the steps they take to control risks.