



Curriculum Statement for Art and Design



Art is all about imagination, expression, and exploration—helping children grow as confident, creative thinkers with a love for the visual world.

At Red Oaks, we believe that Art and Design gives all pupils the opportunity to express themselves through creativity and imagination. Our aim is to develop and nurture our pupils' enthusiasm for the creative arts and help them see it not only as an enjoyable activity, but also as a potential career aspiration.

Intent

We want our children to enjoy art while also understanding that it can inspire future learning and open doors to future opportunities. Through Art, pupils learn to explore and generate ideas, acquire skills, and apply judgement through a hands-on, exploratory approach. They develop their knowledge and understanding through the specific teaching of artistic techniques and processes, while making meaningful links across the wider curriculum.

Pupils also learn about the world of art, including artists, designers, and craftspeople from different times, cultures, and traditions. We aim to nurture imagination in a safe and encouraging environment, helping children grow as confident, thoughtful, and creative individuals.

Implementation

Red Oaks has developed its own Art Scheme that incorporates the essential knowledge and skills required by the National Curriculum. Art is taught through **six units over a two-year cycle**:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Printing
- Clay and Sculpture
- Textiles
- Collage / 3D Form

Each unit is structured around **four key objectives**:

- **Generating ideas** – including researching and being inspired by artists
- **Making** – experimenting with a wide range of materials and techniques
- **Evaluating** – reflecting on and improving their own work
- **Knowledge** – understanding art history, processes, and styles

This approach allows children to build and develop a wide set of art skills, gain inspiration from great artists, and understand technical processes, while also learning to evaluate their own work in a holistic and meaningful way.

Children are given opportunities to:

- Investigate and research inspiring artists and artworks
- Experiment with a variety of media
- Evaluate and develop their own creations
- Work independently and collaboratively on a range of projects
- Explore art and design throughout history in various genres, styles, time periods, cultures, and traditions
- Discover art and design within their local surroundings

Impact

Our Art curriculum enables children to express themselves creatively and confidently. They develop a broad range of practical skills and a deeper understanding of artistic processes and cultural influences. Pupils leave Red Oaks with the ability to reflect on and improve their work, and with the confidence to explore their own ideas and artistic identity.

Last year, our pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in the **Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show**, and we are thrilled to be participating again this year. This experience inspires children to take pride in their creativity and see what is possible when they explore and develop their artistic skills.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1		Drawing		Painting	3D Form	
Year 2		Printing		Textiles		Clay
Year 3		Painting		Drawing		Collage
Year 4	Printing			Sculpture		Textiles
Year 5	Drawing		Painting		Textiles	
Year 6		Sculpture	Printing		Collage	

Useful links

Recommended resources to create and design a range of arts, ideal for linking with the National Curriculum.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/art/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

<https://artfulparent.com/activities/kids-arts-and-crafts-activities/>