

Subject area: Art

Curriculum Design

It is our ambition for the children at Westfield, to develop a love of art, whether it be an appreciation for it and/or developing their own creativity in a variety of artistic fields.

We hope to achieve this, through a planned and progressive curriculum which exposes them to a variety of artists and art techniques.

They will also have the opportunity to take part in clubs to give them experience of other skills and crafts, not necessarily covered in the curriculum. The Wows art exhibition gives further opportunities to develop their knowledge of other artists and art forms as well as being able to visit an Art gallery with their families.

Planning and sequencing

Our long- and medium-term planning, ensure there is a variety of art techniques and a progression in skills are being taught throughout the year groups.

We start in the early years with an exploratory curriculum, children are exposed to a variety of medium, including, paint, chalk, pastels, clay, box modelling, using their personal experiences as the starting point and personal interests to act as a stimuli.

In KS1 they experience working with pencil, charcoals, poster paint, charcoal, clay and natural materials and look at the work of several artists, including local artist Theodore Major. They explore how they can use the medium to create different lines and effects.

In KS2 the children are introduced to and encouraged to develop their use of sketch books, to gather ideas, practice and develop skills taught in KS1, compare different types of the same media as to which will be best for the task. They are also introduced to textiles, printing, other modelling materials and a variety of artists and styles, such as pop art, caricatures, watercolours.