

Gawber Primary School – Art



Art is a highly creative subject. We want to engage, inspire and challenge all pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

We aim to deliver the National Curriculum aims for art and design aims to ensure that all our pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Essential knowledge for artists:

- Knowledge of Techniques
- Knowledge of Materials
- Knowledge of Processes
- Knowledge of Artist

Essential skills for artists:

- The ability to draw, paint and sculpt creatively
- The ability to create observational and imaginative works
- The ability to critically analyse work

We plan for Art using the National Curriculum objectives to ensure a robust and thorough approach. Since Art utilises many complex skills we use a skills document (provided by Kapow Primary) to ensure progression through each knowledge block.



We use Kapow Primary as a basis for the progression of art at Gawber School. Kapow Primary's Art and design scheme has been designed as a spiral curriculum with the following key principles in mind:

✓Cyclical: Pupils return to the same skills again and again during their time in primary school.

✓Increasing depth: Each time a skill is revisited it is covered with greater complexity.

✓Prior knowledge: Upon returning to a skill, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build upon previous foundations, rather than starting again.

The structure:

1. Formal elements of art units

With the exception of Year 6, each year group has a unit called 'Formal elements of Art' which focuses on the discrete skills of the formal elements of art which are:

- Line
- Shape
- Tone
- Texture
- Pattern
- Colour

Art and design skills units

Each year group has a unit called 'Art and design skills' which focuses specifically on developing pupils art, craft and design skills in a discrete way.

Application of skills

The knowledge and skills from these two recurring units are then applied throughout the rest of the scheme within the other units

Artist Study

At Gawber School, we also allocate an artist study to each year group to help develop pupils understanding of the history of fine art. Artists are studied within Kapow units but children at Gawber are given the opportunity to study an artist in dept also.