

National Curriculum Requirements of Art at Key Stage 2

Pupils should safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Children should use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They should represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role-play and stories.

Pupils should be taught to:

- to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design;
- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas;
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay];
- about great artists, architects and designers in history

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils by the end of year 6: 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.