

Art

Intent

Art enables some of the highest forms of creativity. At Clara Grant, it is our intention to offer children a high-quality art education that engages, inspires and challenges pupils. Through this we aim to equip our children with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art.

As children progress, they will be able to think critically and develop the attributes of an artist or designer. We encourage high achievement through our provision of quality teaching and learning experiences.

Through exploration, our pupils will know how art reflects and shapes our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. They will understand the impact it has on contemporary life and that of different times. Wherever possible, we aim to link art to the class topic.

Implementation

Art is taught using a thematic curriculum from Nursery through to Year 6 and aims to ensure that all our children remember long-term art content they have learnt and integrate new knowledge into larger ideas. The art work given to pupils is demanding and matches the aims of the art curriculum and is coherently planned and sequenced. Teachers present content clearly, promoting quality discussion and ensuring children can evaluate the work of world artists and designers they have studied. They check children's understanding of how to use art as a form of self-expression, encourage exploration and experimentation and provide clear, verbal feedback.

Impact

Teachers use a variety of strategies such as regular and consistent feedback, coherently planned and demanding learning experiences and the use of individual sketchbooks to evaluate the knowledge, skills and understanding that our children have gained in art during each unit. As a result, pupils develop detailed knowledge and skills across the art curriculum and achieve the best possible outcomes producing work of a high quality. Our pupils are equipped with the essential art knowledge and skills needed for the next stage in their education. We use a variety of strategies to evaluate the knowledge, skills and understanding that our children gain as they progress across the school:

- CPD to ensure that teacher pedagogy and assessment is secure.
- regular verbal feedback and pupil voice feedback.
- subject monitoring, including sketch book looks and learning walks.

Enrichment

At Clara Grant, we maximise children's art and design learning by providing them with a range of rich and memorable experiences. Reflecting a topic-based approach, we offer our pupils an extensive range of planned opportunities, for example, learning from expert artists or designers, participating in workshops or visiting the wealth of galleries London has to offer. Art enrichment activities at Clara Grant include:

- Art Gallery visits and workshops
- Fourth Plinth
- Magic Me
- Taking part in art competitions