

Art Rationale



Vision

At Leopold, we aim to nurture an appreciation and enjoyment of Art and to foster and promote creativity. We believe Art to be one of the cornerstones of communication in the modern world and a positive force on the mindfulness and well-being of our children. Our pupils are exposed to Art, Craft and Design from both traditional and contemporary artists using a range of mediums and techniques and are taught to take risks in their work. Meanwhile, children will become critical thinkers and gain independence in engaging with and exploring art of all types.

Intent

We strive for ambitious, literate pupils who can problem solve; articulate themselves confidently and show resilience.

Implementation

We follow the National Curriculum and, with the help of carefully constructed medium term plans and progression maps throughout each key stage, teachers plan lessons and projects that enhance and build on previously learned skills, such as painting, printing and sculpture. The importance of drawing cannot be underestimated in Art and are the starting point for any project. Therefore, children are encouraged to use their sketchbooks to plan ideas, explore other artists' work and practice new techniques. With this in mind, staff INSET training includes guidance on the teaching of drawing and use of sketchbooks, and practicing key skills that are outlined in the progression maps. Children will be given time to create work over a series of lessons, using whichever materials they will need. Although the individual lessons might, by the very nature of creativity, be slightly different from class to class within in a year group, the most important aspect to consider is the skills that need to be covered.