

Curriculum Intent

Art and Design

Post Covid

Following the school closure due to Covid-19, our priority is for children to feel safe and secure as they return to school. Our Post Covid Curriculum focuses on developing relationships and belonging as this will be central to pupils being successful learners in the short and longer term on their return to school. Where appropriate, there will be a high and forensic focus on securing basic skills in reading, writing through our Art lessons, embedding prior expected learning and striving for all children to be working within year group expectations by the end of the academic year. Just as importantly, Art will be used for well-being and self-expression.

At ECS Primary, we are guided by the National Curriculum for Art and Design (2014). The National Curriculum for Art and Design aims to:

- Stimulate children's creativity and imagination by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a unique way of understanding and responding to the world.
- Develop children's understanding of eight elements; line, tone, colour, form, texture, pattern, shape, space and their ability to use materials and processes to communicate ideas, feelings and meanings.
- Explore with children ideas and meanings in the work of artists, craftspeople and designers, helping to develop their ability to observe, evaluate and appreciate other artist's work. Understand the different roles functions of art and design in their own lives and in different times and cultures.
- Help children to learn and make thoughtful judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions, giving opportunities to review and discuss their own and others work.

At ECS, we recognise that Art and Design stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a special way of understanding and responding to the world. It enables children of all abilities to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes.

We encourage children to explore ideas and meanings through the work of a range of artists and designers. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, they can explore the impact it has had on contemporary life and that of different times and cultures. The appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts enriches all our lives.