

# Gosforth C of E Primary School Curriculum Statement for Art



## **Intent**

At Gosforth we recognise the need for all children to be able to express their thoughts and feelings in a creative manner, allowing our children to develop confidence and imagination through a variety of mediums. Art and Design is a fully inclusive subject which celebrates individuality, diversity and has a strong focus on the beautiful part of the world we are so lucky to live in. Art and Design at Gosforth, not only allows our children to take inspiration and awe from the world around them, but also enables them to engage with cultures, places and influential artists and designers from a diverse world outside of their everyday experience, thus deepening their understanding of the wider world. Our children will develop a rigorous understanding of art and design, knowing how art and design reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. Art and Design fosters a passion for the arts and provides the opportunity for our pupils to develop the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art.

## **Aims**

Our curriculum aims to ensure that all 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

## **Implementation**

At Gosforth, Art and Design is embedded into our curriculum through a cross-curricular approach, linking to our topics wherever possible. This allows children to develop a rich understanding of the significance of art and to enjoy the expressive nature of Art and Design. Through our curriculum, children have the opportunity to enjoy learning about great, influential artists, craft makers and designers and to compare the artists and movements celebrated with local artists. Whenever possible, we encourage our children to take inspiration from the natural world around them, harbouring a passion for the great outdoors and appreciation for the Lake District and surrounding areas. Our children discover the joy of art and design through a wide range of mediums, including drawing, painting and sculpture. This allows them to express themselves and take inspiration from great works of art. Over time, they develop their techniques, including their control and use of materials to show progression in their skills as an artist. Each child will develop a sketchbook to support their understanding of the world and themselves, allowing them to record observations and review and revisit ideas.

## **Impact**

Children will be able to express themselves confidently and creatively through a range of chosen mediums, having developed the skills, techniques and vocabulary of art whilst here at Gosforth. They will be able to share their opinions and discuss great artists, craft makers and designers with increasing understanding of their significance and impact upon heritage. Above all, our children will be inspired to continue a lifelong love of the arts and to appreciate the beauty in the natural world around them.