



Creative Arts Curriculum Statement

Intent:

Through a high-quality creative arts curriculum (Art and Design, Design and Technology, Music and Drama) at Wyke, we aim to engage, inspire and challenge pupils. We believe that the creative arts offer opportunities for the children to develop their individuality, creativity, self-esteem and confidence. They are able to explore, express and communicate their feelings whilst gaining knowledge and experiences of the wider world.

As pupils progress they are supported to think critically to develop an understanding of how the creative arts reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.

Implementation:

At Wyke Primary Academy, in KS1, we teach the creative arts through a topic driven cross-curricular approach. Children engage in projects that are grounded in their topic, giving them purpose and meaning (for example, participation in a Lego workshop focusing on 'Homes,' creating collages to represent the Great Fire of London and African art as part of a Topic on Africa.) Learning in KS2 does not have specific cross-curricular links, though this can be implemented where appropriate (for example, building an aqueduct or making a Roman shield.) We believe that this approach helps children to gain a greater understanding of what they are learning; encouraging and developing key skills, whilst harnessing and encouraging creativity. The children are taught to use a wide range of materials, tools and techniques to design and produce creative outcomes, with a clear progression of skills developing across the school years. They are also taught about the work of a range of artists, designers, architects, composers and performers, both now and through history, from the local area and worldwide.

As a whole school, we provide the opportunity for our children to participate in a number of creative arts based events throughout the year, including:

- Wyke Travels the World
- Take One Picture
- Class assemblies
- Christmas productions
- Years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6 performances.

Whilst the Creative Arts are embedded in the curriculum, we also have many opportunities for children to take part in regular extra-curricular Creative Arts activities, including:

- Choir
- Dance club
- Art club
- Modellers Guild
- Peripatetic brass and guitar lessons
- Ukulele
- Recorder.

Impact:

We aim for pupils to leave Wyke able to:

- have a love and appreciation for creative arts
- confidently explore their ideas to express their individuality in creative forms
- show proficiency in a range of artistic, design, musical and performance techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, design, music and performance
- demonstrate their knowledge of artists, designers, architects, composers and performers and the historical and cultural development of Creative Art forms.