



At Sandon Primary Academy, all children regardless of their academic ability, background or Special Educational Need will have opportunities to develop their own creativity and express their own thoughts and experiences through art. Our art curriculum has been designed to be progressive whilst also ensuring that all children have the opportunities to revisit and extend the artistic skills and processes that they have learnt. This supports children of all academic abilities as prior learning is always consolidated by building upon teaching of the formal elements.

During their time at Sandon Primary Academy, children will develop an appreciation and awareness of both local (Clarice Cliff and William Morris) and worldwide (Andy Warhol) artists and designers whilst understanding and reflecting on how these artists shape our history and have contributed to both national and local culture. Through first-hand experimentation with a range of different medias (pencil, paint, chalk, pastels, charcoal and collage) and processes (printing and sculpture), children are encouraged and guided to progress in skills they have learnt and apply these to their own artistic pieces and creations influenced by these great artists.

Our art curriculum has been carefully designed by a specialist teacher to ensure a progression in artistic skills and knowledge in line with the National Curriculum. All teachers are equipped with in depth subject knowledge and lesson ideas/plans that guarantee all children will develop their creativity, skills and interests based on the formal elements (line, shape, form, texture, pattern, colour and tone).

As pupils progress, they are taught and encouraged to think critically when both analysing creative work and evaluating their own creations whilst extending their understanding of visual language (form, tone, perspective etc). Within our curriculum, all children will have the freedom to explore and utilise media and a variety of skills to ensure they achieve a secure understanding and develop their own interests within art.

Children will also participate in planned art themed days, gallery trips, educational trips including trips to local designers, for example, Year 2 will visit Gladstone Pottery Museum where they will have the opportunity to paint pottery in the style of Clarice Cliff (one of the artists they study). The academy's VR headsets are also used in art lessons where appropriate to give children an immersive experience in the artists and topics they will be studying, for example, in Year 3 children will have the opportunity to go into Van Gogh's Starry Night scene. After school art clubs are also available for children to attend at the academy to help them flourish in their interests within art and design.