

Art and Design: Statement of Intent

The intent of our art and design curriculum is to inspire the children to feel confident to express their creativity, whilst developing their skills and providing them with the knowledge to experiment, invent and create their own works of art. By exploring and reflecting on their own work and the study of famous and local artists and designers, we intend the children to develop a critical appreciation of the arts.

At Clapham art plays an integral part of our thematic approach to teaching and we wholeheartedly agree with Albert Einstein who said, "Every child is an artist." As a school we believe all aspects of creative learning play a crucial role in our community's wellbeing and support the children's cultural, social, aesthetic and physical development.

From Nursery to Year 6, the children are given opportunities to work alongside professional artists in our dedicated creative area, 'The Mess'; our Make, Explore, Solve and Share room, visit art galleries and places of local interest developing their skills and understanding of the process involved in producing creative outcomes. Skills and techniques are taught progressively to ensure that all children are able to learn and practice in order to develop as they move through the school. We undertake the nationally recognised Arts Award and every child achieves at least the Discovery Level before they leave Clapham Terrace.

The school's Arts Committee, run by children for children, helps plan extra high quality creative experiences and opportunities far beyond those of the curriculum. We intend to achieve, for the second time, Artsmark award at Platinum level, for making the arts come alive in our school. This is the creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. We are extremely proud to be one of the few one form entry primary schools in the country to be awarded the Platinum level which recognises our commitment to providing the children with quality arts based experiences far beyond those based at school.