



The Federation of North and South
Cowton Community Primary School and
Melsonby Methodist Primary School



Art & Design Policy

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Introduction

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 to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes. Children become involved in shaping their environments through art and design activities. They learn to make informed judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions. They explore ideas and meanings through the work 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.

Aims and objectives

The aims of art and design for key stage one are:

- Use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
- Use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.
- Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- Know about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

The aims of art and design for key stage two are:

- Create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.
- Improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay].
- Know about great artists, architects and designers in history.

Teaching and learning style

The school uses a variety of teaching and learning styles in art and design lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children's knowledge, skills and understanding in art and design. We ensure that the act of investigating and making something includes exploring and developing ideas, and evaluating and developing work. We do this best through a mixture of whole-class teaching and individual/group activities. Teachers draw attention to good examples of individual performance as models for the other children. They encourage children to evaluate their own ideas and methods, and the work of others, and say what they think and feel about them. We give children the opportunity within lessons to work on their own and collaborate with others, on projects in two and three dimensions and on different scales. Children also have the opportunity to use a wide range of materials and resources.

We recognise the fact that we have children of differing ability in all our classes, and so we provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child. We achieve this through a range of strategies:

- Setting common tasks that are open-ended and can have a variety of responses.
- Setting tasks of increasing difficulty where not all children complete all tasks.
- Grouping children by ability and setting variations of tasks for each group.
- Providing a range of challenges with different resources.
- Using additional adults to support the work of individual children or small groups.

Art and design curriculum planning

Art and design is a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. At The Federation of North and South Cowton Community Primary School and Melsonby Methodist Primary School we use the national curriculum and a bespoke 6 week structure for lessons as the basis for our curriculum planning in art and design.

We carry out the curriculum planning in art and design in three phases: long-term, medium-term and short-term. Our long-term plan maps out the themes covered in each term during the key stage. Our art and design subject leader works this out in conjunction with SLT and teaching colleagues in each year group.

Our medium-term plans, give details of each unit of work for each term. These plans define what we will teach and ensure an appropriate balance and distribution of work across each term. The art and design subject leader is responsible for keeping and reviewing these plans.

The Subject leader completes a daily plan for each art and design lesson. These list the specific learning objectives for each lesson and give details of how to teach the lessons.

We plan the activities in art and design so that they build upon the prior learning of the children. While we give children of all abilities opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding, we also build planned progression into the scheme of work, so that there is an increasing challenge for the children as they move up through the school.

The Foundation Stage

We encourage creative work in the Nursery and Reception classes as this is part of the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum. We relate the creative development of the children to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five. The children's learning includes art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play. The range of experience encourages children to make connections between one area of learning and another and so extends their understanding.

We provide a rich environment in which we encourage and value creativity. Children experience a wide range of activities that they respond to, using the various senses. We give them the opportunity to work alongside artists and other adults. The activities that they take part in are imaginative and enjoyable.

Assessment and recording

We assess the children's work in art and design whilst observing them working during lessons. As a class we discuss the progress made by children against the learning objectives for their lessons. At the end of a unit of work we make a judgement against the National Curriculum expected standards.

The art and design subject leader keeps evidence of the children's work in a portfolio. This demonstrates what the expected level of achievement is in art and design in each year of the school.

Resources

We have a wide range of resources to support the teaching of art and design across the school. All our classrooms have a range of basic resources, but we keep the more specialised equipment in the art and design store. This room is accessible to children only under adult supervision.

Monitoring and review

The monitoring of the standards of children's work and of the quality of teaching in art and design is the responsibility of the art and design subject leader. The work of the subject leader involves supporting colleagues in the teaching of art and design, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead, attending training, booking workshops and direction for the subject in the school. The art and design subject leader gives the head teacher a half term summary report in which s/he evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in the subject, pupil voice, what went well, what needs to happen next and any extra curricula activities within the subject. The art

and design subject leader monitors art books and art work within the classroom as well as planning again on a half term basis providing teachers with constructive feedback. The assessment for art and design is done on a half term basis when each topic is complete. The skills go over a whole key stage. Evidence is collected in individual sketchbooks and photographed display work and progress is measured against the National curriculum expected standard.