



# Art & Design

## Intent, Implementation and Impact statement

### Intent

At Weare Academy our intention for the Art & Design curriculum is to provide a rich, engaging experience that fosters creativity, self-expression, and cultural appreciation among our pupils through an enquiry-based approach. Our whole curriculum is shaped by our school vision, which aims to enable all children, regardless of background, ability, or additional needs, to flourish and become the very best version of themselves. We aim to:

- **Cultivate Creativity:** Encourage pupils to explore their imagination and develop innovative ideas through diverse artistic mediums, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and digital art.
- **Develop Skills:** Ensure that all pupils acquire a broad range of skills in Art & Design by systematically building on their knowledge through progressive lessons that focus on techniques, materials, and processes.
- **Promote Cultural Awareness:** Provide opportunities for pupils to explore a variety of artistic traditions and cultural contexts, enabling them to appreciate the significance of art in various societies and historical periods.
- **Enhance Personal Development:** Use Art & Design as a conduit for emotional expression, allowing children to communicate their thoughts and feelings visually, thereby contributing to their overall well-being.
- **Encourage Collaboration:** Foster teamwork and communication through group projects, enabling pupils to learn from each other and develop interpersonal skills.

### Implementation

To achieve our intent, we adopt a carefully structured approach to delivering Art & Design which comprises the following elements:

- **Curriculum Design:** Our curriculum, shaped by our school vision, is based on the National Curriculum for Art & Design, enhanced with tailored lesson plans that promote creativity and critical thinking. We ensure cross-curricular links with subjects such as history and geography to enrich the learning experience for all pupils.
- **Progression of Skills:** We have established clear progression pathways, allowing pupils to recognise their development from basic techniques in Early Years to complex concepts in Key Stage 2, ensuring that all pupils are challenged according to their capabilities.
- **Diverse Resources:** A wide variety of high-quality materials and resources are made available, including traditional art supplies and innovative technology such as tablets and digital software. This encourages experimentation and caters to different learning styles and needs.

- **Professional Development:** We invest in ongoing professional development for our staff through workshops and training sessions led by Art specialists, ensuring they are well-equipped to deliver inspiring lessons and foster a passion for art among pupils.
- **Community Engagement:** To enhance pupils' experience, we collaborate with local artists and cultural institutions, providing workshops, artist talks, and field trips. This connection to the community enriches the curriculum and instils a greater appreciation of the arts.
- **Assessment and Feedback:** We implement a robust system of formative and summative assessments to evaluate pupils' progress regularly. Feedback is constructive and informative, guiding pupils on their next steps and encouraging a growth mindset.

## Impact

The impact of our Art & Design curriculum is evident in several key areas:

- **Creative Skills Development:** Pupils demonstrate significant progress in their artistic skills, with many exhibiting creativity that surpasses age-related expectations. They show an increasing ability to use a range of media effectively and can articulate their artistic choices and techniques confidently.
- **Cultural & Social Awareness:** Through exposure to diverse artistic styles and traditions, pupils develop an appreciation for global art. They engage in meaningful discussions about cultural contexts, fostering a sense of empathy and respect for different communities.
- **Personal Growth and Self-Esteem:** Participation in Art & Design activities contributes to enhanced self-esteem and personal expression among pupils. The opportunity for reflective practice enables them to take pride in their work and develop resilience in the face of challenges.
- **Community and Collaboration:** Our strong links with the community are evident through collaborative projects and events, which promote social cohesion and foster a sense of belonging among pupils.
- **Enhanced Learning Outcomes:** The skills and confidence gained in Art & Design positively influence pupils' engagement and achievement across the curriculum, contributing to their overall success in school.

In summary, our Art & Design curriculum at Weare Academy is fully aligned with Ofsted's framework for outstanding practice, ensuring that every child experiences a high-quality education that nurtures their artistic potential and holistic development, allowing them to flourish as the very best versions of themselves.