

Art

Intent: what are we trying to achieve?

We have designed a broad and robust art curriculum at Anns Grove. We want our pupils to learn the knowledge and skills linked to a range of art practices, as set out by the National Curriculum. The curriculum should prepare all pupils for the next stage of their education. By the time pupils leave Anns Grove, we want them to have developed a range of skills and strategies for reflecting on, evaluating and creating art. In addition to this, we intend for all pupils to have a broad understanding and appreciation of a range of artists, movements, styles, techniques and approaches to art from a host of different cultures, backgrounds and periods in history. We hope that, during their time at Anns Grove, pupils develop a life-long love of experiencing and creating art.

Implementation: how are art lessons being delivered?

Our art curriculum is delivered in a way that enables a thorough but engaging progression through the skills and knowledge laid out by the National Curriculum. Through using the National Curriculum and our own guiding documentation, teachers are able to ensure that pupils are building on their previous learning, being challenged at an age and ability-appropriate level, and moving towards the next year's expectations. Pupils use specific art books which enable them to demonstrate their progression through the series of steps that make up a unit of work or project: evaluating the work of famous artists, developing practice-specific skills, planning a range of ideas and creating a final piece. Lessons are engaging and are based around a range of interesting activities. They allow pupils to interact with and interpret a range of types of pieces of art and are rich with vocabulary that allow for a full understanding of the themes being taught. Pupils are provided with regular opportunities to formulate their own opinions and discuss them with their peers in a supportive environment. Teachers have high expectations of the students and model the importance of challenging oneself and being resilient. Instructions are clear and scaffolding is provided to ensure that all pupils are successful in meeting the learning objectives.

Impact: what difference is art making?

At Anns Grove, we ensure that all children are given the opportunities to learn about the history of art and how to express themselves artistically. They are provided with the vocabulary, knowledge and skills to discuss and evaluate art as well as to create their own pieces. We provide opportunities for students to showcase their learning both in and out of school. Through the use of their art books, we are encouraging students to document their artistic journey and reflect on their own development. By being given the opportunity to experiment with a range of techniques and media, pupils are encouraged to develop resilience, confidence and creativity. Through learning about artists from a range of cultures and visiting galleries or exhibitions, pupils' cultural capital is expanded and increased.