



Art & Design Policy

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Rationale

We believe it is important that our pupils have enough experience of Art and Design in each school year to allow them the opportunity to explore their thoughts, ideas and feelings. In addition, however, we also want them to develop their confidence in using different media and techniques.

Art and Design enables children to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern, using different materials and processes.

Art and design stimulates creativity and imagination.

Work produced during Art and Design lessons, when displayed, ensures that pupils, staff and visitors experience a colourful and positive environment.

We are convinced that the appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts enriches all of our lives.

Art and Design can allow pupils the opportunity to gain confidence and build their self-esteem.

And so, at Whitehouse Primary School, we are striving to provide a rich environment in which we encourage and value creativity.

Art and Design Leadership

Mrs. I. McClurg is the member of the Learning and Teaching Team with responsibility for Creativity. Within the Creativity Team she has specific responsibility for Art and Design. This involves the following key roles:

- Providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school
- Supporting the staff in visioning and promoting Art and Design within the school
- Overseeing the ongoing development and review of the Art and Design policy
- Providing support to staff in implementing our Art and Design policy
- Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the policy
- Being informed about current developments in the subject
- Giving the principal an annual summary report in which she evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in the subject, indicates areas for improvement and makes proposals regarding the way ahead

Aims

This policy is underpinned by some key agreed aims:

1. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore and extend their imagination and their experience of the world;
2. Children will be able to respond to their individual feelings and emotions;
3. Pupils will have opportunities to think through their ideas whilst developing their visual and tactile awareness and their investigative and manipulative skills;
4. Children will be enabled to record from first hand and from their imagination;
5. Pupils will have a critical awareness of Art and Design from different historical times and cultures;
6. We will foster an enjoyment and appreciation of Art and Design in our pupils.

Our Values & Mission Statement

This policy document was not written in isolation. It was developed in the context of the school's values and the resulting mission statement.

Values	Contribution of the Art + Design policy
To be a Happy & Healthy Environment	Children become involved in shaping their environments through Art and Design activities, developing surroundings which will have a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing + productivity of our school community.
To develop Skilled Learners & Flexible Thinkers	Pupils are encouraged to experiment, explore + solve problems. They learn to make informed judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions.
To value Partnerships both Locally & Globally	Children gain an appreciation of the work of artists, designers + crafts workers both locally + globally.
To inspire High Aspirations and Achievements	A wide variety of stimulus is used to inspire pupils and the work which they in turn produce is given a broad audience.

Mission Statement	Contribution of the Art + Design policy
Care & Wellbeing Central	Through Art Appreciation + when producing their own work, pupils have opportunities to communicate their feelings.
Health & Sport Promoted	Pupils produce posters highlighting the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle + these are circulated both in school + in the local community.
Involving Parents & Community	Art exhibitions are held + work is displayed in the local community eg. doctors' surgery, community/leisure centres. Pupils participate in Art competitions organised in the local area.
Learning & Teaching Focused	We display the pupils Art + Design throughout the school as a resource for stimulating, sharing and show-casing learning.
Developing Technology & Creativity	We are developing further opportunities for pupils to use digital resources. A member of staff with responsibility for ICT has recently joined the Creativity Team to inform + advise others.
Raising Expectations & Standards	Pupils are given feedback from both their teacher + their peers. Positive criticism is part of the learning process. Success is celebrated.
Excellence & Innovation Pursued	Teachers draw attention to examples of individual success as models for others. Alternative approaches are applauded.
Networking Locally & Globally	Pupils have opportunities to exchange their work with other schools – our European + Cambodian contacts.

This is an abridged version of the policy. A full copy is available on request from the school office.