

1. Intent

At Priory, our aim is that children will develop knowledge that will last a lifetime, along with strong skills to prepare them for the world, enabling them to lead a successful life and make a positive contribution to their community.

Our children are provided with a well taught, knowledge rich curriculum. The basis of this is full implementation of the National Curriculum ensuring breadth, balance and clear progression. Our expectations are high for all pupils: we never narrow our curriculum or deny any pupils the key knowledge taught to the class, unless it is absolutely in their best interest due to a significant learning need.

We carefully consider our children and community to ensure our curriculum is bespoke to their needs. Any purchased schemes are also carefully considered and adjusted to match need. As a Rights Respecting School, where possible in lessons, links are made to the rights of the child. Opportunities to promote British Values, SMSC and our equality objectives are incorporated across the Curriculum. Teachers have strong subject knowledge and learning is clearly sequenced over terms, years and throughout the school to ensure knowledge is learnt and embedded.

Our curriculum is brought to life through the 'Learning Challenge' enquiry based approach. As according to cognitive scientists nothing has been learnt until it is in your long term memory we focus on ensuring learning sticks. We understand through research, including with our children, what aids long term memory and include these strategies in all our teaching sequences. A focus on key knowledge for every topic and a clear assessment, away from the point of learning, demonstrates the effective implementation and impact of our curriculum.

At Priory we intend to deliver an Art & Design curriculum which is accessible to all and gives every child the opportunity to create, explore and innovate by ensuring they receive a wide range of artistic opportunities and the drive to create something purposeful. Our children are taught about the different elements of art in everyday life and the different types of art in our society to help contribute to the children's individuality and understanding of the world around them. Our Art & Design curriculum helps the children to develop their personal skills and understanding of their own and others cultural heritages through researching and studying a range of male and female artists and designers throughout history. Art & Design nurtures the ability for children to develop personal skills for life in creativity, such as self-reflection, independence and judgement, as well as firing their curiosity about the world around them.

2. Rationale

At Priory CE Primary school, we believe Art is essential to prepare pupils to participate in tomorrow's rapidly changing world. Teachers encourage children to develop their investigating, designing, making and evaluating skills by thinking and intervening creatively. Art and design stimulate creativity and imagination. This is done by providing visual, tactile and sensory experiences as a way of understanding and responding to the world around them. Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education should engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. As pupils progress, they should be able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They should also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. 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. Art and design is linked to home life through displays throughout our school, activities to complete at home, suggested community links (visiting museums/theatres etc) via subject champion's tasks and through Dojo.

3. Aims and Objectives

- record from first-hand experience and from imagination, and to select their own ideas to use in their work;
- develop creativity and imagination through a range of complex activities;
- improve their ability to control materials, tools and techniques;
- increase their critical awareness of the roles and purposes of art and design in different times and cultures;
- develop an increasing confidence in the use of visual and tactile elements and materials;
- foster an enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts and develop a knowledge of artists, craftspeople and designers.

4. Teaching and Learning

We aim 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 the 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. Our children also have the opportunity to use a wide range of materials and resources, including ICT.

5. Assessment

From Year 1 to Year 6 pupils' performance will be described in term of achievement of age-related expectations. We use the on-line programme 'Arbor' to record assessments throughout the school. From Year 1 to Year 6 each pupil's understanding of key knowledge and achievement of skills is used to award a best fit level using the Chris Quigley 'BAD' terminology:

Basic: understanding of basic facts and ideas relating to a concept – can tackle questions, sometimes with support.

Advancing: understanding of key knowledge, independent application, can explain, use or summarise understanding

Deep: has an exceptional understanding of knowledge and skills (gifted and talented)

We assess the children's work in art and design whilst observing them working during lessons. Teachers record the progress made by children against the learning objectives for their lessons. This method of recording also enables the teacher to make a termly assessment of progress for each child, to be used as part of the child's annual report to parents. The subject leader is responsible for tracking monitoring and assessing on Arbor.

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 group. This is to be used as a bank of resources to show progression in the skills being taught.

6. 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, which is monitored by the Art and DT leads. Resources are ordered in conjunction with Design & Technology and are stored together.

7. Early Years

In September 2020, our Early Years became Early Adopters for the new revised curriculum that will be statutory from September 2021. The Early Years Curriculum focusses on building skills, knowledge and understanding with a metacognitive and independent enquiry based approach. We have adopted a creative approach to the curriculum and we ensure it is broad, balanced and exciting. We make links across the curriculum and to life wherever possible as we believe this deepens the children’s level of learning. We use the Revised Early Years Framework for the Foundation Stage curriculum (Development Matters published September 2020) as appropriate, to guide our teaching. These documents set out the aims and objectives for children from birth to the end of Reception and provide details regarding expectations of child development at each phase and what skills they need to be taught to ensure they are ready for transition between phases.

The Revised EYFS (2020) is broken down into areas of development. There are two main sections of the curriculum, the “Prime” areas and the “Specific” areas. There are 3 Prime areas which are fundamental and underpin everything in the Early Years curriculum – communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional development. The 4 Specific Areas of development include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society and allow them to strengthen and apply the Prime areas – literacy, Math’s, Understanding the World, Expressive Art and Design.

At Priory, Art and Design is embedded into our continuous provision and is freely accessible both inside and outside. Children are then inspired and encouraged to create through planning, experiences and activities provided. Tool safety is taught alongside specific tasks through all of Early Years and children are expected to manage their own risks appropriately. Singing, acting, role play and imaginative play is taught through phonics and through facilitator led play.

The area of Expressive Art and Design in the Early Adopter Early learning goals is broken down into: Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative and Expressive. The Key Changes include more focus on the processes that have been used to create, using tools safely and appropriately, expression through role play and singing well-known nursery rhymes and songs. The goal is to encourage children to create freely, safely and with purpose, to be able to talk about their creation and the processes involved in creating. There is also an element of encouraging expression through role play and the use of props, (created or given).

Assessment plays an important part in helping practitioners to recognise children’s progress, understand their needs, and to plan activities and support their development. Assessment in the Early Years is Ongoing and is largely based on Facilitated child-led experiences; allowing children to reflect their own knowledge, and high quality adult led activities. Children are assessed throughout the Foundation Stage using the new Development Matters (2020) which sets out a pathway of children’s development in broad ages and stages. Children are assessed against the Early Learning Goals and Development Matters through a range of observations and work. The Early Years lead tracks achievement in all Areas of Learning and can provide specific feedback to individual subject leads regarding achievement in the relevant strands.

The Prime areas of development are:

Personal, social and emotional development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Physical Development

- Fine motor
- Gross Motor

Communication and language

- Listening and Attention
- Speaking

The Specific areas of development are:

English

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

Mathematics

- Number
- Numerical pattern

Understanding the world

- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

	Past and Present Expressive arts and design Creating with Materials. Being Imaginative & Expressive
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8. Inclusion and SEND

Pupils with SEND have full access to the curriculum through reasonable adjustments. They can be supported through differentiated tasks, scaffolds, adult and peer support. Where necessary adapted equipment and resources can be provided. Advice to support individual pupils is always available from the Inclusion Hub and where appropriate specialist services.

9. Equality

Priory is a caring school that aims to provide a high quality education to all our pupils within a secure and environment. We are a Rights Respecting School and protecting the rights of all individuals is important to us. We hope that pupils will leave us with confidence, positive memories and that they value their time here.

Our school

Our school aims to meet its obligations under the public sector equality duty (PSED) by having due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

10. Monitoring and Review

The subject leader is responsible for monitoring the standards in Art. They will monitor the quality of planning, lessons and pupils' work throughout the year. They will also engage with pupils through surveys and interviews to discover their views. Annual data will be analysed. All monitoring will be used by the subject leader to create and maintain an action plan to bring about improvements. This will include support for staff, planning training and purchasing resources.

The subject leader, SLT and Governing Body are responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy. This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if necessary.

11. Other related policies:

- Equality
- Teaching and Learning
- SEND
- EYFS
- Assessment
- Marking and Feedback
- Presentation and Handwriting
- Early Years Policy
- Health and Safety

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