

**St Simon’s Art and Design Statement of Intent**

**Intent**

*Why do we teach this? Why do we teach it the way we do?*

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School, we value Art because we believe it will engage, inspire and challenge Children, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to participate in, experiment with, invent and create their own works of art. We believe they enables children to be empowered to think creatively and critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design.

Children investigate and evaluate a wide range of creative outcomes from the past and present to develop rigorous understanding of the many disciplines within art, craft and design and how that shapes our history and future.

**Implementation***What do we teach? What does this look like?*

Our curriculum is shaped by our school vision, to STRIVE to be the best we can be for the Glory of God.

The aims of teaching Art at St Simon’s Catholic Primary School are for:

* Children can experiment, invent and create their own work
* Children can think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design
* Children can produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
* Children are proficient in researching, designing, creating and evaluating work
* Children can evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
* Children develop their technical knowledge applying their understanding
* Children are proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
* Children know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms

In line with the National Curriculum, we ensure that children:

* Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
* Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
* Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
* Know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Our teaching and learning:

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School, Art and Design plays an important part in school life. Every class has regular Art and Design lessons in which the skills needed to make progress are taught. At a HLTA plans and delivers these lessons with input from class teachers from year 1- year 6.

**Impact***What will this look like?*

By the time children leave St Simon’s Catholic Primary School they will:

* Use drawing, painting and culture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
* Develop a wide range of art and design techniques, in colour, patterns, texture, line, shape, form, space
* Talk about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers
* Describe their differences and similarities between different practises and disciplines, and making links to their own work
* 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
* Talk knowledgably about great artists, architects and designers in history

The integral nature of the Art and design curriculum at St Simon’s creates rich opportunities for children to access fundamental skills including:

* A respect for **spiritual**, cultural and historic diversity.
* Being **trusted** when interacting and working with others.
* Increased **resilience** to continue trying and improving through a process of self-reflection.
* An **inquisitive** nature to explore new things and take risks.
* Being **valued** both individually and as part of a team.
* A sense of **exceptional** achievement.