

Art Curriculum Intent

We are all different and through our experiences of the world, we have a unique way of understanding and responding to it. Sharing the way we experience the world, often, is an extension of our character and personality. Through Art, we can express our thoughts, emotions and feelings and can communicate personal ideas that cannot be portrayed by words alone. So often in education pupils feel under pressure to perform and can feel overwhelmed by the requirements of the national curriculum. Here at The Beacon Centre, we have created an environment where pupils can be inspired and imaginative through using colour, form, texture and different materials to communicate what they see, feel and think. Through creative and practical activities pupils are taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to make informed judgments and decisions, becoming actively involved in shaping environments. They explore ideas and meanings in the work of artists, crafts people and designers and learn about the diverse roles and functions in contemporary life and in different times and cultures.

Our pupils will investigate different media and processes and build up confidence and independence in using these. Sketchbooks have been introduced to document the progression of skills. Our pupils will learn how to take pride in their work by improving their presentation and taking time to achieve success. The many different elements and processes are revisited throughout the different topics and projects.

Throughout their time at The Beacon Centre, pupils will be given a range of art-based enrichment opportunities to help develop their own artistic style. We are an inclusive school, and all work produced is valued and appreciated. Pupils who attend art club, enjoy trying new techniques and discussing their work with others. Around the school, art work is celebrated through displays and in class creative areas.

By the time pupils are ready to move on to a new educational setting, they are confident individuals that are equipped with the relevant skills and knowledge to develop further in this subject.