

Our Vision for Art at St. Patrick's R.C. Primary



We want art to fuel imagination and in turn for imagination to fuel creativity. At St. Patrick's R.C. Primary, we want all children to experience and engage with different art forms, such as, drawing, painting, moulding, collaging, printing, sculpture, using digital media and learning about famous and modern artists. We want them to express themselves creatively using engaging stimulus and the world around them.

Art forms an important part of the curriculum. We believe art education stimulates creativity and imagination whilst giving the child unique opportunities to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially. Therefore, we believe that it should be taught as an individual subject as well as incorporated into other curriculum lessons. The natural environment is used as stimuli, where the children can explore the beauty, and awe and wonder, of God's creation around them. We encourage the children to ask questions about what they see and be explorers of the world around them.

Creative activities in **Early Years Foundation Stage** give the children opportunities to explore, express, communicate their ideas, and use their imagination. Creativity is fundamental to successful learning. The teaching of Art and Design provides all children with opportunities to express themselves freely and also helps them to develop an appreciation and respect for the work of others. Art and design engages, inspires and challenges pupils to invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

In **Key Stage 1** the children will learn to use a range of different materials creatively to design and make products. They will draw, paint, print and sculpture materials to develop techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. The children will use technology to produce images. They will also learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers.

In **Key Stage 2** the children will learn to improve their mastery of art and design techniques by learning specific drawing, painting, printing and sculpture techniques. They will experience using a wider range of materials. The children will use technology to produce images, patterns and decorative pieces of work.

They will record their observations and ideas and use them to review and evaluate improvements.

We use sketchbooks to record experience and imagination, to help the children develop their ideas and to show progression in their artistic ability. We encourage children to work on their own and collaborating with others on projects in two and three dimensions, and on small and large scales.

