

## Art and Design – Intent, Implementation and Impact

**“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”**

**Edgar Degas**

### Art and Design - Intent

At Thwaites Primary School we believe Art and Design is a valuable and important part of our wider curriculum. Our intent for Art and Design is to provide a rich and inspiring curriculum that stimulates creativity, develops artistic skills, and fosters an appreciation for the visual arts. At Thwaites School, children are encouraged to take part in a wide range of practical artistic activities and we believe art is vitally important to develop their creativity, imagination and improve their self-esteem and wellbeing. We achieve this through continuously exploring famous artists, architects and designers, and developing skills in the design process, sketching, painting, drawing, printing, textiles, collage and sculpture through our curriculum themes and golden threads. Our progressive Art and Design curriculum provides children with the opportunity to experience the world around them and express themselves in a variety of ways by widening and deepening their essential knowledge and skills. It also provides pupils with the opportunities to develop and extend their skills and to express their individual interests, thoughts and ideas. Our aim is to create an inclusive and stimulating environment where every pupil can thrive, express themselves, and develop a lifelong love for the arts.

### Art and Design – Implementation

To ensure the outstanding implementation of Art and Design, at Thwaites School, we have developed a comprehensive and carefully planned curriculum that offers a broad range of artistic experiences and opportunities for pupils across all year groups. Our curriculum, mapped to the National Curriculum and arranged into themes across all our year groups from early years through to end of KS2, includes both skills-based learning and opportunities for pupils to explore their own artistic ideas and interpretations. Our Art and Design curriculum is designed to ensure progression, building upon prior knowledge and skills as pupils move through the school. We have mapped out clear learning sequences that enable pupils to develop their artistic skills, knowledge, and understanding in a progressive manner. We ensure that our curriculum is relevant and engaging by incorporating cross-curricular links with other subjects such as history, geography, and science, as well as current events and cultural influences. We also follow two Golden Threads throughout our art topics,

these are 'Famous Artists, Now and Then' and 'Appreciating Art', famous artists who work in the style of art being taught, are introduced at the beginning of each theme, children are given opportunities to view and appreciate their work and a range of art works from other artists across various disciplines, enabling deeper knowledge and skills to be developed and embedded. Our teaching staff are highly skilled and passionate about Art and Design. They use a variety of teaching strategies, including whole-class teaching, group work, and individual support, to meet the needs of all pupils. Teachers model and scaffold techniques, and provide clear instructions and demonstrations to ensure pupils understand and can apply key artistic concepts. We encourage independent thinking and creativity, fostering a positive and supportive learning environment, celebrating effort, progress and achievement in art through displays, exhibitions and enrichment activities, such as trips to museums and galleries, and competitions.

### Art and Design - Impact

Through our engaging and inclusive art curriculum, pupils develop a strong appreciation for the visual arts and are motivated to express themselves creatively. We provide regular opportunities for self-reflection and evaluation, allowing pupils to take ownership of their artistic development and set personal targets for improvement. The high expectations we set for all pupils, combined with the support and guidance provided, result in exceptional progress in their artistic skills and abilities. Art and Design at Thwaites School provides opportunities for pupils to explore and express their thoughts, emotions, and individuality. By nurturing their creativity and self-expression, we contribute to their emotional well-being and confidence. Our inclusive approach to Art and Design ensures that pupils develop an understanding and appreciation for the familiar cultures represented within our school community and more diverse cultures beyond. By exploring and celebrating different cultural art forms, pupils demonstrate respect for others and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. As a result, pupils develop into well-rounded individuals who embrace and celebrate diversity. In conclusion, our outstanding intent, implementation, and impact in Art and Design enable pupils at our small primary school to thrive, develop their artistic skills, and appreciate the beauty and diversity of the visual arts. Through a well-planned and inclusive curriculum, high-quality teaching, engaging resources, and a commitment to cultural representation, we ensure that Art and Design play a significant role in our pupils' personal and academic growth.