

Art and Design at The Vines

Intent

At The Vine Schools, our art and design curriculum is designed to inspire creativity, curiosity and self-expression.

We develop children as confident, reflective and skilled artists who can explore ideas, experiment with materials and communicate through visual forms.

Children are exposed to a wide range of artists and cultures, developing empathy and understanding of the world.

- Confidence in expressing ideas visually
- Creativity and imagination
- Secure understanding of artistic techniques
- Ability to evaluate and reflect
- Understanding of diverse artists and cultures

Implementation

We use Cornerstones as the foundation for our curriculum, supported by AccessArt to provide structured progression in art skills.

Learning is carefully sequenced and revisited, enabling children to build and refine their artistic knowledge and skills over time.

Units follow a clear creative process: exploring ideas, experimenting, developing work, creating outcomes and reflecting.

- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Collage
- Textiles
- Design and making

Sketchbooks are central, supporting experimentation, reflection and independence.

Children explore the work of artists and develop their own ideas, using appropriate artistic vocabulary.

Early Years

Children explore materials, tools and techniques through play, developing creativity and fine motor skills.

Key Stage 1

Children develop skills across disciplines, experiment with materials and begin using sketchbooks.

Key Stage 2

Children refine techniques, develop independence and respond to a range of stimuli with increasing creativity.

Impact

Children leave The Vine Schools as confident and creative artists.

- Produce imaginative work
- Demonstrate technical skill
- Use sketchbooks effectively
- Reflect and evaluate work
- Understand artists and art forms

Children develop resilience, independence and a strong appreciation of art.