

## **Art and Design at Ramsbury School**

At Ramsbury, the Arts play a pivotal part in our rich curriculum. We believe that they form a crucial part of education and enrich the learning journey of our children. Art and Design is taught explicitly within the curriculum and also enriches cross-curricular learning opportunities. Art forms are approached as individual subjects so that children can explore the processes and skills which they may choose to produce their final piece.

### **Intent**

At Ramsbury School we encourage children to express their world, thoughts, and experiences through the medium of Art. Teaching and learning focus on developing skills in: experimenting with a wide range of different media, developing composition, manipulating materials, creating images and working in a sustained and independent way. Children develop confidence working in two and three dimensions on a variety of sizes and scales. The curriculum fosters children's critical ability to understand and respond to their own and others' cultural heritages through studying a diverse range of male and female artists, both historic and contemporary. We aim to ensure that all children can have the opportunity to produce creative work, exploring their ideas and using sketchbooks to record their experiences. We look to equip them with the skills to become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques. Children will learn to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design, whilst also know about great and diverse artists, craft makers and designers.

### **Implementation**

Children will develop their understanding of the visual language of Art with effective teaching and considered sequences of lessons and experiences. Understanding of the visual elements of Art and Design (line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape and 3D form) will be developed by providing a curriculum which will enable children to reach their full potential.

We teach a skills-based Art curriculum, which gives opportunities for children to express their creative imagination and use artwork to record ideas, observations and experiences. Children are encouraged to take immense pride in their Art work which is displayed within the classroom. The 'Take One Picture' approach is used to provide children with a deep insight into carefully chosen pieces of 2D and 3D artwork. Visits to galleries, such as the Ashmolean Museum, allow children to experience such artwork first-hand. Links are also made with practising, contemporary artists.

### **Impact**

Art contributes to children's personal development in creativity, independence, judgement and self-reflection. It encourages children to develop a sense of ownership over their work and reflect on their experiences through evaluating their progress and development. Art has been celebrated in our 'Open Studio' events (pre-Covid), when parents, pupils and our local community are invited in to view and celebrate the artwork of our children. This is also an opportunity for the children to

evaluate their own work and those of others and to see the clear progression in their own skills through their time at Ramsbury School. Children appreciate artistic opportunities offered to them in the school, both within the curriculum lessons and the extra opportunities offered to them through visits and projects. Extra opportunities are offered with visiting artists such as mosaic makers. There is a focus on links with local artists. These enriching experiences help extend the children's cultural capital and provide an aspiration for their artistic endeavours.



The Curriculum Leader for Art and Design, is Mrs Lynn Hinder.