

Art and Design Intent



Key Purpose:

Why is this subject important at Dennington School?

At Dennington Primary School, we have a strong commitment to art and design. Children enjoy weekly sessions in this subject as well as experiencing special art projects and the opportunity to work with specialists and artists in residence.

- Creating and engaging with art encourages self-expression and creativity which helps to build confidence and a sense of individual identity,
- Creativity and the ability to express fresh ideas are essential components for many future jobs – desirable for enabling innovation and progress in a culture which is increasingly STEM focused,
- Artistic creativity is beneficial for children’s wellbeing; improving their happiness and allowing a ‘release’ from the pressures of other academic subjects,
- Engaging with art allows pupils the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills and helps them to interpret the world around them,
- Art lessons provide an opportunity for teachers to work alongside children, rather than telling them what to do or probing them to reach a wrong or right answer.

Key Principles:

What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject at Dennington School?

- Art education provides a unique opportunity to use images and concepts autonomously or collaboratively, to make a child’s imaginings reality,
- Pupils are encouraged to use a language that is outside of their ordinary vernacular in order to discuss art and to enter into a wealth of history and culture,
- Children must work with considerable resilience as they hone their techniques and works of art – a vital skill for improving their success across the curriculum.

Expectations:

What does success look like in this subject?

- An excellent attitude to learning and independent working.
- The ability to use time efficiently and work constructively and productively with others.
- The ability to carry out thorough research, show initiative and ask questions to develop an exceptionally detailed knowledge of users’ needs.
- The ability to act as responsible designers and makers, working ethically, using finite materials carefully and working safely.

- A thorough knowledge of which tools, equipment and materials to use to make their products.
- The ability to apply mathematical knowledge and skills accurately.
- The ability to manage risks exceptionally well to manufacture products safely and hygienically.
- A passion for the subject.