



Subject Specific Expectations – A guide to Art at Overdale Junior School

What is Art like at Overdale Junior School?

We encourage children's individual creative expression. We teach a wide range of cumulative skills to enable them to create artwork in a range of different media – enabling them to build a robust schema. We inspire them with a diverse range of carefully chosen artists and artisans from different cultures and time periods to provide cultural capital. We teach the vocabulary of art so that children are able to discuss what they see and to offer and explain preferences. We embed chances for free expression without judgement to encourage self-expression, inclusivity and application of skills.

In a typical Art lesson, you will see:

Children stick KOs in books at the start of each topic and refer to regularly for facts about the artist, key vocabulary, skills and appropriate colour palette for each unit. Objective and date will be written for preparatory work. Annotation, sketching and teaching of skills will be in evidence showing the full progression towards the final piece. The final piece will be in books to show the end of this sequence. If it is 3D, digital or textiles based, a photograph will be included. The final piece will be sufficiently developed, showing the skills and colour tones derived from the developmental work. Scaffolds such as colour mixing sheets, models and vocabulary banks will be used to support learners.

Currently we also offer:

A weekly Art Club to develop the skills of gifted and talented children and others with a particular interest. Art Therapy and Mindful Colouring clubs have been trialled to help children to develop their creativity and manage anxiety. Cross curricular links made through planned experiences and days – e.g. clay work planned in to Stone Age Day in Year 3 and Greek Day in year 5. We engage in whole school collaborative projects and competitions and hold exhibitions that we invite parents in to enjoy. We take pride in displaying the children's artwork as well as the work of great artists around the school.