



ART



What have we been learning about?

Nursery:

During the summer term, our pupils continued their Art and Design learning by exploring colour and pattern. They have explored the primary colours and experimented with using different tools to create different effects in their final pieces of artwork.



Reception:

Linked with their theme of 'Travel', pupils in Reception have been very creative by creating artwork that shows different modes of transport. As well as creating artwork using paint and pencils they have also used other craft materials to create collages.

Year 1:

Year 1 explored the artwork of Pierre-Auguste Renoir, focusing especially on his seascapes. They then used drawing, painting and sculpture to express their ideas, experiences and imagination by creating their own mixed media seascapes. This helped them develop art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.





Year 2:

As part of their summer theme, Castles and Knights, Year 2 explored drawing, printing and sculpting. They began the term by designing their own coat of arms, which they then transformed into prints. Next, they studied the medieval sculptures of John Angel and learned how to manipulate clay. Finally, they used their artistic skills to create their own gargoyle sculptures.

Year 3:

This term, Year 3 have explored all things Ancient Greek, linking their topic to the work of painter Giorgio Morandi and sculptor Phidias. They began by learning how to create pencil drawings of 3D still life, using various shading techniques to show tone. Next, they produced scratch art of Greek vases before applying their sculpting and modelling skills to create their own Ancient Greek vase models.

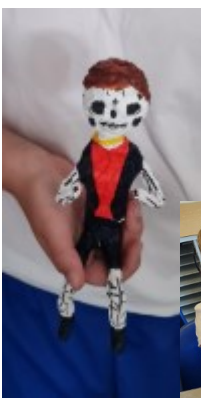
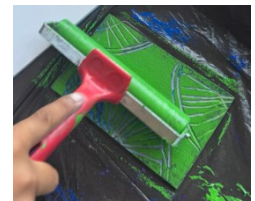
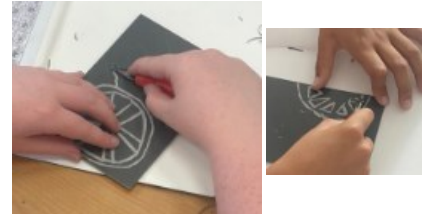


Year 4:

Year 4 had great fun this term exploring a range of textile techniques. After learning about Colombian designer Silvia Tcherassi and craft makers Janice Gunner, Kiyoe Masao and Judith Content, pupils experimented with making their own felt and tried out batik, wax resist and tie-dye methods. Finally, they used their newly developed skills to design a traditional item of clothing suitable for wearing in the rainforest.

Year 5:

This term, Year 5 completed an artist study on William Morris, a Victorian designer. Using their knowledge of line, space and shape, pupils explored both natural and man-made patterns before designing their own, suitable for a Victorian inspired wallpaper. Once happy with their designs, they carved them into lino and used inks and rollers to print a repeating pattern. They also experimented with blending colours and rotating their patterns in their prints.



Year 6:

This term, Year 6 were inspired by the work of Mexican sculptor Saulo Moreno, whose art is influenced by the Día de los Muertos festival. Pupils began by decorating skull templates with traditional patterns and symbols. They then chose a pose for their own skeleton models. After developing their skills in drawing people in proportion and in motion, they created wire skeleton frames, which were then covered in Modroc and decorated.

Other Experiences:



What do the children think?

Nursery:

"Our teacher shows us new things in Art and then we get to try it as well. Did you know when you mix red and blue you can make purple."

Reception:

"I love drawing. My teacher taught me how to do different lines. My favourite thing is anything to do with drawing. I also like painting, especially mixing colours. I learnt that mixing red and white makes pink."

Year 1:

"We learn art because we need to be creative. It also teaches us how to use different things to make different types of art. My favourite has been the collage where we used sand and different paper because I like the different textures we can create."

Year 2:

"Art is important because it teaches us to draw and to be creative. When I do Art it makes me feel excited because it is my favourite subject. My favourite lesson has been the printing because we got to do drawing, painting and printing in the same activity. Plus I like the sound the printing makes as you pull it off the paper."

Year 3:

"My favourite piece of artwork so far has been my collage landscape. I really liked tearing the paper with my hands - I didn't realise that I could use torn paper to create another picture. I really like art because we get to make pictures. It makes me feel excited and happy because when I am doing art I am free."

Year 4:

"Art is important because it teaches you to try new challenges and try to solve problems in different ways. Did you know when you turn the paper upside down when sketching, the drawing is more clear and looks like what you were trying to draw."

Year 5:

"Art is an important subject in school because it allows us to be and show our creativity. We learn how to draw and it helps us to know about art and learn new skills. I also think it makes us realise that there is more than electronics to keep us creative. My favourite, and most challenging lessons, were when we drew portraits. I was impressed with how I looked at all the details - it was the first time that I really believed I could do art!"

Year 6:

"Art is important because we get to practise and improve skills or try new things. I like being creative. I really liked it when we learnt how to draw bodies in proportion and were then challenged to draw them moving. We got to be creative and challenge ourselves."

"Art allows us to express ourselves creatively and to be creative when we are working. It also allows us to explore other peoples cultures, for example we are creating our own Day of the Dead skulls and skeletons."

