

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.” –

**Pablo Picasso**

### **Intent**

At Our Lady's we believe that art is a vital part of children's education and has a significant and valuable role in the taught curriculum, as well as the enrichment opportunities on offer to our pupils. The art curriculum will develop children's critical abilities and understanding of their own and others' cultural heritages through studying a diverse range of male and female artists.

Children will develop their appreciation of the visual language of art with effective teaching through an understanding of the visual elements of art and design (line, tone, texture, colour, pattern, shape, 3D form) will be developed by providing a curriculum which will enable children to reach their full potential.

### **Implementation**

The skills and knowledge that children will develop throughout each art topic are planned across each year group and throughout the school to ensure progression. The emphasis on knowledge ensures that children understand the context of the artwork, as well as the artists that they are learning about and being inspired by. This enables links to other curriculum areas, including humanities and religion, with children developing a considerable knowledge of individual artists as well as individual works and art movements. A similar focus on skills means that children are given opportunities to express their creative imagination, as well as practise and develop mastery in the key processes of art: drawing, painting, printing, textiles and sculpture.

The school's high quality art curriculum is supported through the availability of a wide range of quality resources, which are used to support children's confidence in the use of different media. Visits out to a gallery and visitors into school enable the children to develop their art appreciation.

The school was awarded Silver Artsmark in 2018 and is currently working to regain the award and KS2 children also work towards their Bronze ArtsAward.

### **Impact**

Classroom displays reflect the children's sense of pride in their artwork and this is also demonstrated by creative outcomes across the wider curriculum. The school environment also celebrates children's achievements in art and demonstrates the subject's important status in the school.

The Art curriculum at Our Lady's school contributes to children's personal development in creativity and independence.

Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it. **Pope John Paul II**