



The Divine Mercy RC Primary School - Art Curriculum Intent

“We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life.” (Ephesians 2:10)

At The Divine Mercy we reflect the National Curriculum’s aims to:

- All children, whatever their background and ability will have access to a varied range of high quality art experiences.
- To provide an imaginative, innovative and coordinated art programme, which fosters a deep enthusiasm for art and design amongst the children.
- To provide a broad arts provision which includes a programme of visits to galleries and museums.
- To enable children to record from first-hand experience using observational drawing, photography and from their imagination to develop their ideas.
- To improve the children’s ability to control materials, tools and techniques.
- To increase their critical awareness of the roles and purposes of art and design in different times and cultures.
- To develop increasing confidence in the use of visual and tactile materials.
- To foster enjoyment and appreciation of all the visual arts and gain knowledge of artists, craftspeople and designers through links with the local and wider multicultural community.

In this subject:

Art and design stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a special way of understanding and responding to the world. It enables children to communicate what they see, feel and think through the use of colour, texture, form, pattern and different materials and processes. Children become involved in shaping their environment through art and design activities. They learn to make informed judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions. They explore ideas and meaning through the work of artists and designers, including current artist and fashion designers who visit the school on a regular basis. Through learning about the roles and functions of art, they explore the impact it has had on different times and cultures and contemporary life. The appreciations and enjoyment of the visual arts enriches all our lives. We use a variety of teaching and learning styles in art and design lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children’s knowledge, skills and understanding in art and design. We ensure that the act of investigating and making something includes exploring and developing ideas, and evaluating and developing their work using the inspiration of others’. As an art department we do this through a mixture of whole class teaching and individual, and group activities. Teachers draw attention to good examples of individual performance as role-models for other pupils. We encourage children to evaluate their own ideas and developments and to say what they feel and think about them. The children are given opportunities in lessons to work on their own and collaborate with each other, on projects in 2D and 3D and on different scales. Children also have the opportunity to work on a wide range of materials and resources, including photography and digital manipulation.

Jesus, I Trust in You