



## ARTS VISION STATEMENT

At Saint Paul's with Saint Michael's Primary School we believe that the arts are fundamental to a child receiving a valuable and balanced education. The arts are integrated throughout all of our subject areas to enhance learning experiences and create rich learning environments. The arts are used to bring all subjects to life whether it be using role-play and drama to problem solve in numeracy, or designing and creating an immersive ocean mural to explore a geography and science topic. The school provides a wealth of opportunities for children to be creative and express themselves in different ways.

Throughout the school calendar, our pupils are given a range of platforms to perform in a variety of contexts for different purposes. These range from our yearly KS1 and KS2 Christmas plays, Harvest performances, Art exhibition, Mask making, Talent Show, Art competition, singing assemblies, African drumming and much more. KS1 are very lucky to receive extra music lessons each week, thanks to Connie, one of our enthusiastic and talented school governors.

Both staff and children are excited to be working with experienced artists in the near future to master new skills and build positive and productive partnerships within the community. Last year we worked with artist Richard Tait to paint city-scapes and well known London landmarks and this year we will be collaborating with an experienced artist to paint and design a cross based on our school values, to be displayed in the hall.

Regular trips to galleries and museums take place throughout the whole school and the school also frequently invites artists of all genres to come in and work with the children. The children learn about significant artists to not only appreciate their work and life stories but to gain inspiration for their own personal creations.

Our children are successful and there is obvious talent and skill displayed alongside cultural influences from areas all over the world which make for a creatively rich environment. As a school we aim towards harnessing these strengths so that we can continue to provide new opportunities for our children and help them to reach their full artistic potential. We want our children to be the best that they can be so that they can journey through life with the confidence that they can succeed.