

St Mary's Curriculum Progression Ladder for Art and Design

Aims (From the National Curriculum)

The national curriculum for Art and Design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Exploring and developing ideas (ONGOING)	Make choices about which materials to use when creating.	Create collaboratively to share ideas and skills.	Record and explore ideas from first hand observation, experience and imagination Ask and answer questions about the starting points for their work, and develop their ideas. Explore the differences and similarities within the work of artists, craftspeople and designers in different times and cultures.	Record and explore ideas from first hand observation, experience and imagination. Ask and answer questions about the starting points for their work and the processes they have used. Develop their ideas. Explore the differences and similarities within the work of artists, craftspeople and designers in different times and cultures.	observations about starting points and select ideas to use in their work.	Select and record from first hand observation, experience and imagination, and explore ideas for different purposes. Question and make thoughtful observations about starting points and select ideas to use in their work. Explore the roles and purposes of artists, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures.	Select and record from first hand observation, experience and imagination, and explore ideas for different purposes. Question and make thoughtful observations about starting points and select ideas and processes to use in their work. Explore the roles and purposes of artists, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures.	Select and record from first hand observation, experience and imagination, and explore ideas for different purposes. Question and make thoughtful observations about starting points and select ideas and processes to use in their work. Explore the roles and purposes of artists, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures.
Evaluating and developing work (ONGOING)		Begin to refine techniques to express their ideas and feelings. Share their creation and explain the process they have used.	Review what they and others have done and say what they think and feel about it. E.g. Annotate sketchbook. Identify what they might change in their current work or develop in their future work.	Review what they and others have done and say what they think and feel about it. E.g. Annotate sketchbook. Identify what they might change in their current work or develop in their future work. Annotate work in sketchbook.	Compare ideas, methods and approaches in their own and others' work and say what they think and feel about them. Adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further. Annotate work in sketchbook.	Compare ideas, methods and approaches in their own and others' work and say what they think and feel about them. Adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further.	Compare ideas, methods and approaches in their own and others' work and say what they think and feel about them. Adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further.	Compare ideas, methods and approaches in their own and others' work and say what they think and feel about them. Adapt their work according to their views and describe how they might develop it further.

Drawing	Create closed shapes	Demonstrate	Use a variety of tools,	Layer different media,	Experiment with	Make informed choices	Use a variety of source	Demonstrate a wide
J. G. Willia	with continuous lines	increasing accuracy	inc. pencils, rubbers,	e.g. crayons, pastels,	different grades of	in drawing inc. paper	material for their work.	variety of ways to make
	when drawing to	and care when drawing	crayons, pastels, felt	felt tips, charcoal and	pencil and other	and media.		different marks with
	represent objects.	to create identifiable	tips, charcoal,	ballpoint.	implements.		Work in a sustained	dry and wet media.
		representations	ballpoints, chalk and	l., , , , , , , ,		Alter and refine	and independent way	
	Begin to include details		other dry media.	Understand the basic	Plan, refine and alter	drawings and describe	from observation,	Identify artists who
	on their drawings – e.g. an enclosed circle for a		Use a sketchbook to	use of a sketchbook and work out ideas for	their drawings as	changes using art vocabulary.	experience and imagination.	have worked in a similar way to their
	face with an attempt at		gather and collect	drawings.	necessary.	vocabulary.	illiagiliation.	own work.
	features.		artwork.	didwings.	Use their sketchbook	Collect images and	Use a sketchbook to	own work.
				Draw for a sustained	to collect and record	information	develop ideas.	Develop ideas using
	Represent feelings,		Begin to explore the	period of time from	visual information from	independently in a	·	different or mixed
	noises, movements		use of line, shape and	the figure and real	different sources.	sketchbook.	Explore the potential	media, using a
	through drawing.		colour	objects, including			properties of the visual	sketchbook.
				single and grouped	Draw for a sustained		elements, line, tone,	
				objects.	period of time at their	drawings from memory	1.	Manipulate and
				Experiment with the	own level. Use different media to	and imagination.	and shape.	experiment with the elements of art: line,
				visual elements; line,	achieve variations in	Explore relationships		tone, pattern , texture,
				shape, pattern and	line, texture, tone,	between line and tone,		form, space, colour and
				colour.	colour, shape and	pattern and shape, line		shape.
					pattern.	and texture.		
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Painting	Explore colour mixing	Paintbrush – make a	Use a variety of tools	Mix a range of	Mix a variety of colours	Make and match	Demonstrate a secure	Create shades and tints
Painting	Explore colour mixing with paint.	range of marks – dot,	and techniques	secondary colours,	and know which	colours with increasing	knowledge about	Create shades and tints using black and white.
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Printing		Show growing competence using a range of tool safely and confidently.	Make marks in print with a variety of objects, including natural and made objects. Carry out different printing techniques e.g. monoprint, block, relief and resist printing. Make rubbings. Build a repeating pattern and recognise pattern in the environment.	Use a variety of techniques, inc. carbon printing, relief, press and fabric printing and rubbings. Design patterns of increasing complexity and repetition. Print using a variety of materials, objects and techniques.	Print using a variety of materials, objects and techniques including layering. Talk about the processes used to produce a simple print. To explore pattern and shape, creating designs for printing.	Research, create and refine a print using a variety of techniques. Select broadly the kinds of material to print with in order to get the effect they want Resist printing including marbling, silkscreen and coldwater paste.	Explain a few techniques, inc' the use of poly-blocks, relief, mono and resist printing. Choose the printing method appropriate to task. Build up layers and colours/textures. Organise their work in terms of pattern, repetition, symmetry or random printing styles. Choose inks and overlay colours.	Describe varied techniques. Be familiar with layering prints. Be confident with printing on paper and fabric. Alter and modify work. Work relatively independently
Textiles/ collage	Make snips in paper using scissors. Snips paper moving scissors forwards. Begins to cut in a line holding the paper with their non- dominant hand.	Scissors – moving wrist and hands to cut (not arms) with growing accuracy along curved, straight and zig zag lines.	Use a variety of techniques, e.g. weaving, finger knitting, fabric crayons, sewing and binca. How to thread a needle, cut, glue and trim material. Create images from imagination, experience or observation. Use a wide variety of media, inc. photocopied material, fabric, plastic, tissue, magazines, crepe paper, etc.	Use a variety of techniques, inc. weaving, French knitting, tie-dyeing, fabric crayons and wax or oil resist, appliqué and embroidery. Create textured collages from a variety of media. Make a simple mosaic. Stitch, knot and use other manipulative skills.	Use a variety of techniques, inc. printing, dying, quilting, weaving, embroidery, paper and plastic trappings and appliqué. Name the tools and materials they have used. Develop skills in stitching. Cutting and joining. Experiment with a range of media e.g. overlapping, layering etc.	Match the tool to the material. Combine skills more readily. Choose collage or textiles as a means of extending work already achieved. Refine and alter ideas and explain choices using an art vocabulary. Collect visual information from a variety of sources, describing with vocabulary based on the visual and tactile elements.	Join fabrics in different ways, including stitching. Use different grades and uses of threads and needles. Extend their work within a specified technique. Use a range of media to create collage. Experiment with using batik safely.	Awareness of the potential of the uses of material. Use different techniques, colours and textures etc when designing and making pieces of work. To be expressive and analytical to adapt, extend and justify their work.

						Experiments with paste resist.		
3D form	Join different materials together using tape and glue, paperclips, fasteners etc.	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.	Manipulate clay in a variety of ways, e.g. rolling, kneading and shaping. Explore sculpture with a range of malleable media, especially clay. Experiment with, construct and join recycled, natural and man-made materials. Explore shape and form	Manipulate clay for a variety of purposes, inc. thumb pots, simple coil pots and models. Build a textured relief tile. Understand the safety and basic care of materials and tools. Experiment with, construct and join recycled, natural and man-made materials more confidently.		Make informed choices about the 3D technique chosen. Show an understanding of shape, space and form. Plan, design, make and adapt models. Talk about their work understanding that it has been sculpted, modelled or constructed. Use a variety of materials.	qualities involved in modelling, sculpture and construction. Use recycled, natural and man-made materials to create	Develop skills in using clay inc. slabs, coils, slips, etc. Make a mould and use plaster safely. Create sculpture and constructions with increasing independence.
Breadth of study	Demonstrate growing independence putting on a coat and shoes, begin to do up zips and poppers Begin to use a knife and fork	tools and techniques, experimenting with	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT Investigate different kinds of art, craft and design.	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT. Investigate different kinds of art, craft and design.	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT. Investigate art, craft and design in the locality and in a variety of genres, styles and traditions.	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT. Investigate art, craft and design in the locality and in a variety of genres, styles and traditions.	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT. Investigate art, craft and design in the locality and in a variety of genres, styles and traditions.	Work on their own, and collaboratively with others, on projects in 2 and 3 dimensions and on different scales. Use ICT. Investigate art, craft and design in the locality and in a variety of genres, styles and traditions.