



Biscovey Primary Academy
Teaching and Learning Principles
Subject: Art and Design

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

School Vision:

At Biscovey Primary Academy we aim for every child to flourish in a nurturing environment, demonstrate respect and kindness, whilst building resilience and ambition for the future.

Our curriculum ensures that we deliver a range of topics across the age phases which develops sequential learning where pupils know more and can do more, ensuring that they are ready for their next stage in education.

Our nurturing ethos endeavours to support all children and their families. Through this approach we are able to work together to ensure that we meet the needs of all learners in our school.

We pride ourselves on delivering an ambitious curriculum, focusing beyond the academic curriculum, developing a child's individual character. Our core values; 'nurture', 'respect' and 'ambition' run through all areas of school life and learning which allows the whole child to develop into a confident and caring young individual. The Biscovey child shows respect, and through ambition, self-belief and courage approaches learning with an inquisitive mind.

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Subject Intent:

At Biscovey Primary Academy, our Art and Design curriculum is designed to provide pupils with the cultural capital, knowledge and skills they need to succeed beyond primary education. Through the study of local artists, engagement with museums and creative practitioners, and exposure to a wide range of media, pupils develop curiosity, creativity and a strong sense of place within their community.

Our ambitious curriculum is carefully sequenced to build knowledge, vocabulary and technical skills over time. Through exploring artists from different cultures, historical periods and social movements, including protest art, pupils deepen their understanding of the world and make meaningful connections across the curriculum. We aim for children to become confident, articulate and reflective artists who can discuss their learning with increasing expertise and independence.

Art and Design is a valued part of our broad and balanced curriculum, offering pupils opportunities to express ideas, develop creativity and think critically about artistic processes. We believe high-quality art education should inspire, challenge and equip pupils to experiment, create and appreciate the diverse forms of human creativity.

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils, including those with SEND and other vulnerable groups, can access and succeed within the curriculum through appropriate scaffolding, support and challenge. By prioritising strong relationships, inclusion and consistent routines, we create a safe environment in which every child can thrive, achieve and develop a lifelong appreciation of Art and Design.

Subject Implementation:

The Art and Design curriculum at Biscovey Primary Academy is based on the National Curriculum and linked to our overarching themes, ensuring a coherent and progressive approach to creativity. Pupils develop skills through three key strands: Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, with the work of local, national and international artists embedded throughout.

Building on prior learning from KS1, pupils progressively develop their technical skills, creativity and understanding of art, craft and design. Through a range of media, including watercolours, acrylics, graphite, charcoal and clay, children learn to experiment with techniques, refine their control of materials and create purposeful artistic outcomes.

Sketchbooks are used to record the creative process, allowing pupils to explore ideas, reflect on their work and take ownership of their artistic journey. Throughout the curriculum, children are taught to evaluate and discuss their work using age-appropriate artistic vocabulary. As they progress through the school, they develop the confidence and knowledge to analyse techniques, compare artists and articulate their understanding of artistic processes.

Subject Impact:

Our Art and Design curriculum enables all pupils to make strong progress from their individual starting points, developing their knowledge, creativity and technical skills year on year. By engaging with a diverse range of artists, media and artistic movements, pupils leave Biscovey as confident, reflective and creative individuals with a strong appreciation of art and its role in society.

For example, through studying local Cornish artists alongside nationally and internationally recognised artists, pupils learn to draw connections between their own community and the wider world. A pupil may explore Cornwall's coastal landscapes through drawing and painting techniques before comparing their work to that of established artists, using increasingly sophisticated artistic vocabulary to evaluate and discuss their learning.

Through sketchbook work, classroom discussion and practical outcomes, pupils develop the confidence to articulate artistic ideas, evaluate their own work and respond thoughtfully to the work of others. High-quality teaching, regular assessment and targeted support ensure that all pupils, including those requiring additional support, are able to succeed and achieve ambitious outcomes.

Pupils' achievements are celebrated through displays, exhibitions and our school social media, providing opportunities to showcase their creativity and take pride in their accomplishments. As partnerships with local galleries, museums and artists continue to develop, pupils gain authentic experiences that enrich their learning and inspire future aspirations.

Through regular monitoring and curriculum review, we ensure a consistently high-quality Art and Design education across the school. We aspire for pupils not only to achieve highly but also to become articulate, culturally aware and engaged young people who are ready for the next stage of their education and beyond.