ART CURRICULUM STATEMENT

Intent

At Hamilton Academy we aim to give children a wide range of experiences in Art, to develop their curiosity, creative and practical skills.

We aim to deliver a curriculum that is culturally rich, that reflects our diverse school population and develop a sense of wonder and appreciation for cultural differences. We also aim to allow time for reflection within Art lessons; to develop pupils' curiosity and their appreciation of aesthetics.

We ensure that pupils have opportunities to use their creativity and imagination, use a variety of tools, materials and medium to develop different techniques. The children will become confident and proficient in these techniques which include drawing, painting, sculpting, as well as other craft skills. They will also learn to explore their own ideas, record their experiences, explore the work of others, ask questions and evaluate. An awareness of colour, shape, balance, focus and proportion are developed alongside the use of symbols to convey ideas and feelings. This will allow children the chance to develop their emotional expression through art to further enhance their personal, social and emotional development. The children are also taught to develop their appreciation of artists and art in other cultures, to use techniques to develop their own artwork and to experiment with new ideas.

Implementation

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in Art and Design, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school, focusing on knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum. At Hamilton Academy we ensure that art and design is given the same importance as the core subjects, as we feel this is important in enabling all children to gain 'real-life' experiences.

The children will have the chance to develop their techniques, including their control and use of a range of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design. Children will also know how art and design both reflect and shape our history and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. Studying a range of artists throughout the school will help to develop this and from year three the children have sketchbooks which will show the progression and progress made. Art days and an annual Art Exhibition are held to celebrate children's work and showcase the skills they have learnt.

Impact

To measure impact, we have key end of year learning objectives which are used as assessment statements by staff. Our staff are therefore fully aware of the expectations of all children. We use formative assessment in every Art lesson. This information can then be used to inform short-term planning as well as measuring progress.

Pupils of Hamilton Academy are artists. They enjoy exploring the world that we all live in, exploring the shapes, colours and textures around them. They are passionate when celebrating diverse cultures from around the world and are encouraged to share their views and opinions on global issues.