



Art and Design at Blaby Stokes



At Blaby Stokes Primary School we are concerned with the education of the whole child, and the development of Art and Design skills contributes to this. Success in Art and Design increases self-esteem and brings fulfilment and satisfaction. Art and Design stimulates creativity and imagination. It provides visual, tactile and sensory experiences and a way of understanding and responding to the world. Through the Cornerstones Curriculum, pupils are encouraged to use colour, pattern, texture, line, tone, shape, form, space and different materials and processes to communicate what they see, feel and think. Through art and design activities they learn to make informed value judgements and aesthetic and practical decisions, becoming actively involved in making images, objects and learning to shape their own environment. They explore, through discussion and the making of art, the ideas and meanings in the work of artists and designers. They learn the part that art and design plays in contemporary life and in different times and cultures. This enables pupils to become involved in, enjoy, understand and appreciate the visual arts which enrich their personal lives. Art and Design plays an important part across the whole primary curriculum. It is cross-curricular and every subject uses it for visual imagery. Skills which are developed can be applied across the whole curriculum.

Throughout Key Stage 1, the children will:

- Use a range of materials creatively to design and make products.
- Use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.
- Develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- Learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

Throughout Key Stage 2, the children will:

- Create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.
- Improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials (for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay).
- Find out about great artists, architects and designers in history.