



St Martin's School

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Art Intent Statement

Our vision at St Martin's is for children to feel happy and safe, and become lifelong learners, who know they can make God's world a better place.

At St Martin's, within art we aim to allow ourselves to freely explore artistic techniques and medias in order to stimulate creativity and imagination. We aim to inspire and engage our children by modelling techniques and exploring ideas and meanings through works of artists and designers. We will introduce children to a variety of different artists and art movements and encourage them to see value and beauty in all different styles of self-expression.

We will ensure that art is taught regularly and that our art is relevant by linking it to our topics. We will teach a skills-based curriculum that allows the children to become familiar with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles and printing. We provide good quality materials to support our teaching and to model and teach artistic strategies to ensure that the children are confident to have a go and know how to work with a new medium to best effect. We aim to use our sketchbooks in order to feel freer to experiment and take risks with new mediums without the fear of getting things 'wrong' or what the final product must look like. We want our children to place value on their creative journey in art, not just on their end goal. We aim for them to be reflective as they evaluate their own work, identifying their successes as well as what they can improve on whilst considering the opinions and ideas of others. We will celebrate our artistic journeys through displays and sharing what we have achieved with other pupils, teachers and parents.

At St Martin's, we aim to link art to our school values:

Respect – we aim to encourage each child to evaluate their art and design work and that of others, both with peers and adults and to respect each other's thoughts and opinions and support each other through their journey. Additionally, to this to respect the works of different artists and to see value in all artistic styles and movements.

Friendship – throughout their time in our school we aim to use art as an opportunity to work collaboratively in groups and to create together. We aim to encourage each other by being constructive in our comments about each other's work and supporting each other in our journeys.

Courage – we aim to understand that creativity and self-expression takes courage and we need to experiment freely with artistic techniques and not be inhibited by outcome. We aim to explore different techniques and medias and to 'have a go' even if we find it difficult. Our teachers lead the way in this process by modelling different techniques and genres just as they would model a maths problem or literary style.

Creativity – we aim to explore a range of different art types from sculpture, painting, drawing, textiles and printing and to immerse ourselves freely into exploring these mediums. We aim to express ourselves freely and to enjoy the creative process.