

## **Art, Design and Technology**

Art teaching at Forest Park ensures all children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. We ensure that our community is considered within the art curriculum by teaching children about a range of artists, styles and develop children's lifelong artistic skills. With access to a wide range of resources in school and locally, we provide children with exciting opportunities both inside and outside of school. Our children can be as creative as they wish!

Art allows children to explore and encourages visual thinking and can make them better observers of detail in the world around them. In the context of our school, art allows our children to explore things they may not otherwise be exposed to thus broadening their minds and ways of thinking.

A child's artwork has worth in its own right, it is not measured or judged by others as right or wrong. Art gives a child autonomy over their own work and the authority to say what they have created, what it communicates and ultimately builds up their confidence and self-esteem. At Forest Park, all children are artists.

At Forest Park, design and technology (D&T) is taught every other half term, opposite art. The aim of the D&T curriculum is to ensure that all children have wide experiences that are built upon across the year groups and have a good understanding of how to plan, design, make and evaluate a product. Each of these areas has an equal importance when teaching D&T and therefore, across each year, each project will be taught with a focus on one specific area.

Each year group completes three projects across the academic year. These have been created around the national curriculum requirements for each year group.

Children are given the opportunity to present their work in their own style within their creative books. They select the work they would like to include in their presentation. Children are keen to show off what they have learned and produced within each project, in their own unique style.