

Art at Stony Dean

Intent

At Stony Dean we have created our own bespoke Art curriculum. Based upon the changing needs of our pupils, the Art curriculum is gradually evolving to meet the requirements of our pupils. In our Art curriculum we aim to enable pupils to gain the necessary skills and confidence so they can freely express themselves, where self-esteem and a willingness to experiment can flourish. Art is taught by staff who are practising artists as well as experienced teachers who value 'playing' with art materials to allow for experimentation, self-expression and developing ideas. Our curriculum also aims to give pupils the opportunities to make choices within their artwork and to foster the idea of making decisions which can sometimes be challenging. All levels of artistic ability are differentiated and supported so that the experience or outcome can be successful from the pupil point of view. We also have community Art lessons whereby the intention is to make artwork for others e.g. the school, and/or to work in a team (if appropriate) in order to promote collaboration, helping each other and working towards a common goal, which are all great skills for future employment and fun at the same time.

Implementation

- KS3 pupils receive 1 lesson of Art, plus a double lesson of Community Art per week as well as Lunch time Art Club (if chosen)
- KS4 pupils receive 2 lessons of Art, if they have chosen Art, as well as having art on a carousel with Work Related learning and Life skills, which is one lesson per week for one term each. Accredited Bronze Arts Award course.
- One or two projects per term focusing on Painting, Printmaking, ceramics, sculpture (construction and modelling). Hands on experience through using lots of different materials and allowances made for personal projects if required.
- CLIMB and Foundation art classes receive a double lesson of art per week. Art is taught through the projects these areas are following. Emphasis is on a holistic exploration of materials with links to the current topic.
- Learning about other cultures or artists as a starting point for pupils' own creations.
- For our pupils to have the freedom to create, become confident in their abilities, to make decisions, to feel the benefits of teamwork and to be given the tools to harness a lifelong passion in art if that is what they desire.

Impact

- To develop pupils' skill base and curiosity
- To discover or develop a passion for an art form
- To realise a future in art or art related employment
- To use art activities for pleasure and mental health
- To enjoy viewing and being inspired by art
- To make independent decisions based upon personal interests

- To enjoy and see the benefits of team collaboration
- To realise a future in art or art related employment
- To understand that art is a visual language and that it is everywhere
- To nurture personal creativity

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