

Betley CE (VC) Primary School 'Art Statement of Intent.'

Intent

Art at Betley CE (VC) Primary School is not only an important area of the curriculum but also of the school environment as a whole. It is our intention that pupils are encouraged to be proud of their artistic creations and we endeavour to create a bright, welcoming and inspiring school, with as much of our children's artwork on display as possible.

The National Curriculum for art aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Are equipped with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.
- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences.
- Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design.
- Develop a knowledge of great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Our intention at Betley Primary School, is for all pupils to become secure in these areas whilst also being inspired to develop as artists, encouraging them to find their own creative style and express themselves through the art that they produce. We aim to provide our pupils with a range of different experiences of art from different cultures and historical periods which also have a clear link to our historical or geographical curriculum focuses.

Implementation

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in art at Betley, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school. Art is taught as part of a termly history or geography focus and links to knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum as well as developing children's enthusiasm for art and their individual creativity. Art teaching at Betley begins as a strong focus in our EYFS class, where pupils have regular opportunities to express their individual creativity as well as completing more structured art activities and being a part of "Big Art" creations by the whole class, which link to their topic. This art focus continues throughout the school, where a

specialist art teacher spends a day in each class during the year. Alongside this, teachers follow the National Curriculum through a clear progression of skills using sketch books to develop these into final pieces of artwork. It is important that pupils are exposed to a range of different media from paint to clay. Artwork also links closely to local history projects with sketch work and pottery work linked to local heritage and culture. As well as practical artwork, pupils are exposed to a range of different artists from different countries and historical periods as they develop their skills with regards to the appreciation of art. They also develop their vocabulary in order to discuss and analyse both their own artwork and the work of others. Above all, our art curriculum at Betley is focused on inspiring our pupils to express themselves through different artistic mediums and encouraging and developing their own creativity.

Impact

Within our art curriculum at Betley, we strive to instil an appreciation and enjoyment of the arts, enriching the children's learning experience. Our art curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. All children are be confident using a range of different media and materials to express themselves creatively. Pupils at Betley see themselves as artists, taking pride in their work which they will see displayed around school. They can articulate their criticism of their own artwork and the artworks of others using vocabulary developed throughout the school. Progression throughout the school is clear through both termly assessments completed by teachers and pupil's work in sketchbooks which move through the school with them. By developing confident artists, we endeavour to give our pupils the skills they need to express themselves creatively and continue to be inspired by art once they leave our school.