

The Vines Art Curriculum

Intent

At The Vine Schools, our Art and Design curriculum is carefully crafted to nurture the creative talents of every pupil, fostering a lifelong appreciation and passion for the arts. The primary intent of our curriculum is to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to produce creative and imaginative work, expressing their thoughts and ideas through a variety of artistic media. We aim to provide meaningful opportunities for children to explore their own experiences, experiment with different materials, and reflect on and evaluate the work of others. Art becomes a powerful medium for self-expression and emotional development, enabling pupils to explore topical issues such as pollution, discrimination, and the world around them.

We believe that all children should become confident and proficient in a range of artistic techniques, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and other craft skills. This broad exposure to art equips them with the tools needed to develop their creativity and expand their technical skills. Through the exploration of both contemporary and historical art, children will also gain an understanding of famous artists, designers, and craft makers, and how art has shaped and continues to shape our culture and society. This fosters a deeper curiosity about the role of art and design, as well as a sense of ownership over their learning.

In addition to fostering creativity, we aim to support the emotional and social development of our pupils. Through art, children can explore and express their feelings, build their emotional intelligence, and develop the resilience and perseverance needed to critique and improve their own work. Our Art curriculum ensures that pupils' emotional expression, self-esteem, and understanding of their place in the world are nurtured alongside their creative growth.

Implementation

The Art and Design curriculum at The Vine Schools is structured and sequenced to build on skills and knowledge progressively. In Early Years, we lay the foundations by focusing on fine motor skills and early art techniques, ensuring that pupils have the necessary skills to engage with more complex tasks as they move through their school journey. Using the 'Access Art' scheme, we provide opportunities for pupils to experiment with different materials and techniques, revisiting and building on previous knowledge to ensure continued development.

As pupils progress through each year group, art skills are taught in blocks, carefully linked to each year group's themes to contextualise the learning and provide meaningful connections. Children are encouraged to experiment with a variety of media, materials, and techniques, ensuring that their artistic expression becomes more confident and sophisticated over time. These lessons are designed to allow children to explore their creativity freely, while simultaneously building technical skills, such as the control of pencils, brushes, and other artistic tools.

Our curriculum is designed to offer pupils a wide range of opportunities to showcase their artistic talents, from sketchbooks that track their progress to displays of their work in classrooms, communal areas, and during art events. Teachers use carefully prepared resources, including knowledge organisers, PowerPoint slides, and supplementary materials, to ensure that pupils receive high-quality, consistent instruction and that teachers feel confident in delivering the curriculum. These resources also support the continued development of pupils' technical vocabulary and understanding of artistic processes.

The curriculum also offers opportunities for pupils to learn about different artistic movements and cultures. From contemporary art to historical periods, pupils are encouraged to analyse and discuss the work of famous artists, designers, and craft makers, developing an awareness of how art shapes and reflects the world. Key themes in each key stage encourage pupils to think critically and creatively, making connections between their learning in art and the wider world around them.

Impact

The impact of the Art and Design curriculum at The Vine Schools is evident through the high-quality artwork produced by our pupils, which consistently meets the learning objectives and demonstrates a clear progression of skills. Pupils leave our school with a strong sense of personal achievement, confidence in their artistic abilities, and a broader understanding of the role art plays in society. They are able to express their ideas, both creatively and critically, with confidence.

As children move through the school, they are able to apply their art skills across other areas of the curriculum, integrating their creativity into a wide range of subjects and demonstrating how art can enrich and enhance their overall learning experience. Peer assessment and self-reflection are key components of our curriculum, with pupils regularly evaluating their own work and offering constructive feedback to their peers. This process develops their critical thinking, self-awareness, and understanding of artistic theory and practice.

The progression of skills is clear in children's sketchbooks, where they document their artistic journey, showcasing their increasing competence in a variety of techniques. Pupils are expected to know, apply, and understand the technical vocabulary associated with art and design, and can speak confidently about their work, the artists they study, and the skills they have developed.

Pupil voice is also an integral part of our assessment process. Through discussions with pupils, we gauge their growing understanding of art and design, their curiosity about the world, and their ability to critically engage with their own work and the work of others. Teachers have high expectations of all pupils, and the evidence presented in a variety of ways—from classroom displays to individual portfolios—demonstrates the success of our approach in fostering creativity, technical skill, and intellectual curiosity.

Overall, our Art and Design curriculum has a lasting impact on pupils, building their artistic proficiency, enhancing their emotional development, and encouraging them to continue exploring and creating long after they leave The Vine Schools.

	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Exploring and Developing Ideas	<p>Children start to understand how ideas are developed through processes. Children build up resilience to getting things wrong and trying again. Children practise and share their learning and skills with others, receive and offer feedback to improve.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording experiences.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a respond positively to ideas and starting points; b explore ideas and collect information; c describe differences and similarities and make links to their own work; d try different materials and methods to improve; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: work, work of art, idea, starting point, observe, focus, design, improve. 	<p>Children start collecting and developing ideas using sketchbooks. They continue to build up resilience, making mistakes and suggesting improvements to improve their work. Children practise and share their learning and skills with others, giving and receiving feedback to improve.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.</p> <p>To create sketchbooks to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use sketchbooks to record ideas; b explore ideas from first-hand observations; c question and make observations about starting points, and respond positively to suggestions; d adapt and refine ideas; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: line, pattern, texture, form, record, detail, question, observe, refine. 	<p>Children start collecting more information and resources to present in sketchbooks. They continue to build their knowledge of techniques by experimenting and predicting what might happen. Children continue to practise and share their learning and skills with others, receiving and offering feedback to improve.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.</p> <p>To create sketchbooks to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a review and revisit ideas in their sketchbooks; b offer feedback using technical vocabulary; c think critically about their art and design work; d use digital technology as sources for developing ideas; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: sketchbook, develop, refine, texture, shape, form, pattern, structure.
Drawing	<p>Children begin to explore different techniques involved in drawing such as shading, thick and thin lines, patterns and shapes as well as using different surfaces to draw on. Children are also exposed to using different materials to draw with such as pencils, felt tips, charcoal, crayons, chalk and pastels.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in drawing techniques.</p> <p>To use drawing to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a draw lines of varying thickness; b use dots and lines to demonstrate pattern and texture; c use different materials to draw, for example pastels, chalk, felt tips; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: portrait, self-portrait, line drawing, detail, landscape, cityscape, building, pastels, drawings, line, bold, size, space. 	<p>Children develop their knowledge of drawing by continuing to use a variety of drawing tools from KS1. They are introduced to new ways of making effect through tone, texture, light and shadow. They have the opportunity to use vocabulary learned in KS1 accurately, e.g. shading, thick and thin.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in drawing techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a experiment with showing line, tone and texture with different hardness of pencils; b use shading to show light and shadow effects; c use different materials to draw, e.g. pastels, chalk, felt tips; d show an awareness of space when drawing; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: portrait, light, dark, tone, shadow, line, pattern, texture, form, shape, tone, outline. 	<p>Children continue to use a variety of drawing tools but are introduced to new techniques, e.g. creating perspective. They become more confident in techniques already learned and use the vocabulary learned accurately, e.g. shading, thick and thin. Children will rely on their sketching books to improve their drawing skills.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in drawing techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use a variety of techniques to add effects, e.g. shadows, reflection, hatching and cross-hatching; b depict movement and perspective in drawings; c use a variety of tools and select the most appropriate; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: line, texture, pattern, form, shape, tone, smudge, blend, mark, hard, soft, light, heavy, mural, fresco, portrait, graffiti.

<p style="text-align: center;">Painting</p>	<p>Children can explore using a variety of different brushes to see what happens. Children begin to learn the primary colours and experiment with mixing paints to understand tone and secondary colours.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in painting techniques.</p> <p>To use painting to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a name the primary and secondary colours; b experiment with different brushes (including brushstrokes) and other painting tools; c mix primary colours to make secondary colours; d add white and black to alter tints and shades; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: primary colours, secondary colours, neutral colours, tints, shades, warm colours, cool colours, watercolour wash, sweep, dab, bold brushstroke, acrylic paint. 	<p>Children continue exploring using a variety of different brushes to see what happens. They use the language of colour accurately when mixing, e.g. shade, primary and tint. Children begin to experiment with colour for effect and mood.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in painting techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including painting with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use varied brush techniques to create shapes, textures, patterns and lines; b mix colours effectively using the correct language, e.g. tint, shade, primary and secondary; c create different textures and effects with paint; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: colour, foreground, middle ground, background, abstract, emotion, warm, blend, mix, line, tone, fresco. 	<p>Children continue exploring a variety of different brushes to see what happens. They use the language of colour accurately and use inspiration from natural and non-natural works to create a colour palette. Children are more expressive with colour, associating colours with moods.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in painting techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including painting with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a create a colour palette, demonstrating mixing techniques; b use a range of paint (acrylic, oil paints, water colours) to create visually interesting pieces; c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: blend, mix, line, tone, shape, abstract, absorb, colour, impressionism, impressionists.
<p style="text-align: center;">Sculpture</p>	<p>Children have the opportunity to use a variety of materials for sculpting and experiment with joining and constructing. They begin to use the correct vocabulary associated with sculpting and construction to demonstrate their understanding of the skill.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in sculpting techniques.</p> <p>To use sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use a variety of natural, recycled and manufactured materials for sculpting, e.g. clay, straw and card; b use a variety of techniques, e.g. rolling, cutting, pinching; c use a variety of shapes, including lines and texture; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: sculpture, statue, model, work, work of art, 3D, land art, sculptor, carving, sculpture, installation, shapes, materials, pyramid, abstract, geometric. 	<p>Children still have the opportunity to use a variety of materials for sculpting. They experiment with joining and construction, asking and answering questions such as, 'How can it go higher?' Children begin to understand more about decorating sculptures and adding expression through texture. They use a variety of tools to support the learning of techniques and to add detail.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in sculpting techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including sculpting with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a cut, make and combine shapes to create recognisable forms; b use clay and other malleable materials and practise joining techniques; c add materials to the sculpture to create detail; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: rectangular, concrete, terrace, architect, 2D shape, brim, peak, buckle, edging, trimmings, shape, form, shadow, light, marionette puppet. 	<p>Children still use a variety of materials for sculpting and experiment with joining and constructing. They begin to understand more about clay modelling and using different tools with clay. They will be more reliant on their own ideas and knowledge of sculpture during the planning and designing process.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in sculpting techniques.</p> <p>To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including sculpting with a range of materials.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a plan and design a sculpture; b use tools and materials to carve, add shape, add texture and pattern; c develop cutting and joining skills, e.g. using wire, coils, slabs and slips; d use materials other than clay to create a 3D sculpture; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: form, structure, texture, shape, mark, soft, join, tram, cast.

<p style="text-align: center;">Collage</p>	<p>Children will have the opportunity to explore creating a variety of images on different backgrounds with a variety of media, e.g. paper, magazines, etc. Children experiment with sorting and arranging materials and refining their work.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in other art, craft and design techniques – collage.</p> <p>To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using texture, line, shape, form and space.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use a combination of materials that have been cut, torn and glued; b sort and arrange materials; c add texture by mixing materials; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: collage, squares, gaps, mosaic, features, cut, place, arrange. 	<p>Children continue to explore creating collage with a variety of media, e.g. paper and magazines. They experiment with sorting and arranging materials with purpose to create effect. They learn new techniques, e.g. overlapping, tessellation, mosaic and montage.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – collage.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a select colours and materials to create effect, giving reasons for their choices; b refine work as they go to ensure precision; c learn and practise a variety of techniques, e.g. overlapping, tessellation, mosaic and montage; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: texture, shape, form, pattern, mosaic. 	<p>Children experiment with mixing textures and with sorting and arranging materials with purpose to create effect. They develop their understanding of techniques learned in Lower KS2 and develop their own ideas through planning.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – collage.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a add collage to a painted or printed background; b create and arrange accurate patterns; c use a range of mixed media; d plan and design a collage; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: shape, form, arrange, fix.
<p style="text-align: center;">Textiles</p>	<p>Children have the opportunity to look at and practise a variety of techniques, e.g. weaving, dyeing and plaiting. They explore which textiles are best to use and produce the best result.</p> <p>Children will also explore decorating and embellishing their textiles to add detail, colour and effect.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in other art, craft and design techniques – textiles.</p> <p>To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern and texture.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a show pattern by weaving; b use a dyeing technique to alter a textile's colour and pattern; c decorate textiles with glue or stitching, to add colour and detail; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: textiles, fabric, weaving, woven, placemat, loom, alternate, over, under, decoration, decorative, batik dye, dye, wax, resist, crayons, ink, apply, set. 	<p>Children develop their weaving and colouring fabric skills further. They are also introduced to the skill of stitching in Lower KS2.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – textiles.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a select appropriate materials, giving reasons; b use a variety of techniques, e.g. printing, dyeing, weaving and stitching to create different textural effects; c develop skills in stitching, cutting and joining; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: pattern, line, texture, colour, shape, stuffing, turn, thread, needle, textiles, decoration. 	<p>Children further develop their weaving, overlapping and layering techniques. They experiment with a range of fabrics including non-traditional fabrics.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – textiles.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a experiment with a range of media by overlapping and layering in order to create texture, effect and colour; b add decoration to create effect; c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: colour, fabric, weave, pattern.

<p style="text-align: center;">Printing</p>	<p>Children experiment with shape and pattern, looking at repeated patterns and different materials to make texture, e.g. sponges.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To become proficient in other art, craft and design techniques – printing.</p> <p>To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour and texture.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a copy an original print; b use a variety of materials, e.g. sponges, fruit, blocks; c demonstrate a range of techniques, e.g. rolling, pressing, stamping and rubbing; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: colour, shape, printing, printmaking, woodcut, relief printing, objects. 	<p>Children use a variety of printing blocks, e.g. coiled string glued to a block, and explore what effect making their own blocks has on shape and texture.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – printing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use more than one colour to layer in a print; b replicate patterns from observations; c make printing blocks; d make repeated patterns with precision; e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: line, pattern, texture, colour, shape, block printing ink, polystyrene printing tiles, inking rollers. 	<p>Children have more opportunities to make printing blocks and tiles. They now reflect on their choice of colour for prints and develop their accuracy with patterns.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To improve their mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials – printing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a design and create printing blocks/tiles; b develop techniques in mono, block and relief printing; c create and arrange accurate patterns; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: Hapa-Zome, hammering, pattern, shape, tile, colour, arrange, collograph;
<p style="text-align: center;">Work of Other Artists</p>	<p>Children have the opportunity to learn from the works of famous artists, studying their techniques and processes. They will be exposed to a range of different artists through history throughout KS1.</p> <p>KS1 Art and Design National Curriculum To understand 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.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a describe the work of famous, notable artists and designers; b express an opinion on the work of famous, notable artists; c use inspiration from famous, notable artists to create their own work and compare; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: Andy Goldsworthy, LS Lowry, Paul Klee, Monet, Joan Miró, Jackson Pollock, Robert Delaunay, Wassily Kandinsky, Piet Mondrian, van Gogh, Marc Quinn, Michelle Reader, Barbara Hepworth, Jill Townsley, Brendan Jamison, Eva Rothschild. 	<p>Children continue to study the works of famous artists. They have more opportunity to offer opinion and to compare and contrast artists. Children will be exposed to a range of different artists through history, studying their techniques and processes.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To learn about great artists, architects and designers in history.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use inspiration from famous artists to replicate a piece of work; b reflect upon their work inspired by a famous notable artist and the development of their art skills; c express an opinion on the work of famous, notable artists and refer to techniques and effect; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: Anselm Kiefer, Salvador Dalí, Paula Rego, Gainsborough, Sonia Boyce, Lucian Freud, Howard Hodgkin, Anish Kapoor, Caravaggio, Le Corbusier, Coco Chanel, Jackson Pollock, John Constable, Thomas Cole, Claude Monet, Henri Matisse, Paul Cézanne, Julian Opie, Henry Moore, Giacometti, Vivienne Westwood, Louise Bourgeois, Jennifer Angus, Braque, Claesz, Kalf, Carl Warner, Michael Brennand-Wood. 	<p>Children continue to learn from the works of famous artists. They now expand their knowledge by looking at the range of more famous artists. Children comment on the work of famous artists and name their pieces of work.</p> <p>KS2 Art and Design National Curriculum To learn about great artists, architects and designers in history.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a give detailed observations about notable artists', artisans' and designers' work; b offer facts about notable artists', artisans' and designers' lives; c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: Henri Rousseau, India Flint, Alexander Calder, David Oliveira, David Hockney, Man Ray, Fernand Léger, Alfred Wallis, Hokusai, Frida Kahlo, Joaquín Torres-García, Leonora Carrington, Diego Rivera, Beatriz Milhazes, Carlos Páez Vilaró, John Singer Sargent, Ansel Adams, Helen Frankenthaler, Frank Lloyd Wright, Jean- Michel Basquiat, Mary Cassatt.