

## Art Intent Statement

At Townhill Junior School, we understand the important role art has in developing curiosity, creativity and self-expression by fostering resilience, confidence and critical thinking skills.



In Art lessons, children are given the opportunity to learn about a range of artists, styles, products and mediums. We aim for our inclusive curriculum to introduce children to artists from different time periods and cultures to create an understanding of how art impacts and enhances the world around us.

Children are given ample opportunities for open discussion on what they have seen and experienced. Children are encouraged to be creative, reflective and engaged learners. They will be able to express their preferences and opinions in constructive ways and use these opinions to form their own artwork.

Year on year our art curriculum builds on prior learning developing key skills such as sketching, mark making, use of tools and colour theory. Every year there is a clear progression of skills building on techniques with increasing mastery.

We have made strong links between our art curriculum and the wider curriculum. For example, Craft and Gardening club forms links between Art and Science and encourages children to use the skills learnt in the art to create a school environment they feel a part of. There are also links between Humanities and Art where children will study the art of a time period or geographical location they are learning about.

In order to put Art in a real-world context, we have made use of trips and visitors. Classes have been on trips to the Southampton City Art Gallery to take part in workshops. Year 4 have been to a pot-making workshop and to see the Burne-Jones' Perseus paintings. Year 6 have also taken part in guided workshops in school by Art Gallery staff. Year 5 were able to have a Printmaker visit school to run a screen-printing workshop with them.

Overall, we intend for our Art curriculum to be engaging, inclusive and inspiring. We want children to develop creative skills that they can use to problem-solve and express themselves. Children should know that they are able to pursue creative aspirations and continue to develop artistic skills throughout their education.

