



Design and Technology at Chilham

Intent

At Chilham, our Art and Design curriculum aims to inspire creativity and build confidence so that every pupil can experiment, explore and express themselves through art. We want children to develop the skills and knowledge to create original work, as well as an appreciation of art and artists from different times, cultures and traditions. Our curriculum enables pupils to generate ideas, use sketchbooks, develop practical making skills, learn about artists, and evaluate their own and others' work. By revisiting and building on these strands throughout their primary journey, pupils gain a secure foundation for future artistic learning.

Implementation

Our curriculum is carefully sequenced to ensure progression of skills and knowledge within a 2 Year Cycle. Units are organised around four key areas: drawing, painting and mixed media, sculpture and 3D, and craft and design. Lessons are practical, hands-on and exploratory, encouraging children to record and refine ideas in sketchbooks. Skills and formal elements (line, shape, tone, texture, pattern and colour) are revisited in increasing depth, ensuring a spiral progression. Visual resources support pupils in recalling key techniques, vocabulary and concepts. Teachers are supported with clear guidance and subject knowledge so that all pupils, regardless of ability, are challenged and supported to succeed. Cross-curricular links are made wherever possible, allowing art to enhance and connect with wider learning.

Impact

Through our Art and Design curriculum, children develop not only technical skills but also confidence, independence and creativity. They learn to reflect on their own work and that of others, making decisions about how to improve and articulate their artistic journey. Progress is assessed through ongoing teacher observation, discussions and summative records against learning objectives. By the time they leave primary school, pupils will have a broad knowledge of artists, a wide range of practical skills, and the confidence to express themselves — providing a strong foundation for continued success in Art and Design at Key Stage 3 and beyond.