

Policy for <b>Art and Design</b>		 
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## **Together we Achieve, Together we Believe, Together we Care**

**Achieve:** Together we will be the very best that we can be.

**Believe:** Together we will live, share, experience and celebrate our Catholic faith.

**Care:** Together we will be a safe, caring community where we value ourselves, respect and care for others and all of God's creation.

### **Rationale**

St Modwen's Catholic Primary School values the contribution which Art and Design can bring to the development of the child.

We realise that it has a significant and valuable role to play by stimulating creativity and imagination.

Art and Design is not only taught in isolation, but also links with a variety of other subjects

### **Aims**

The aims of Art and Design are:

- All children to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- All children to have a variety of broad and balanced Art and Design experiences.
- To develop creativity and imagination through a range of activities.
- To improve the children's ability to control materials, tools and techniques.
- To increase their critical awareness of the roles and purposes of Art and Design in different times and cultures.
- To involve children in learning an artistic vocabulary.

### **Teaching and Learning**

The school uses a variety of teaching and learning styles in Art and Design lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children's knowledge, skills and understanding in Art and Design and using different materials and resources. We ensure that the act of investigating and making something includes exploring and developing ideas and evaluating work. We give children the opportunity within lessons to work on their own and collaborate with others. Children will study the work of artists in a variety of different formats.

We recognise that we have children of differing ability in all our classes and we aim to provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child.

## **Curriculum Planning**

Art and Design is a foundation subject within the National Curriculum. At St. Modwen's School, in order for the pupils to acquire a broad base of knowledge and skills in a range of activities, a scheme of work for Art and Design is available for class teachers to follow.

## **The Early Years Foundation Stage**

We encourage creative work in the Reception classes as this is part of the Foundation Stage. We relate the creative development of the children to the objectives set out in Development Matters, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged 3 to 5. Children experience a wide range of activities that they respond to, using the various senses. We give them the opportunity to work alongside other adults. The activities that they take part in are imaginative and enjoyable.

## **Cross Curricular Links**

The Art and Design Curriculum lends itself to a variety of cross-curricular links. Art and Design will make a strong contribution to the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education
- Computing
- Geography
- History
- Spiritual, moral, social, vocational and cultural development.

## **Assessment and Recording**

Assessment forms part of a continuous teaching and learning process based on work produced throughout the year. Assessment can be carried out in a variety of formats, dependant on the age of the child and/or the task in question. Examples of assessment will include questioning, work produced in sketchbooks and discussions with the children. Self assessment is also highly encouraged.

## **Resources**

We have a range of resources to support the teaching of Art and Design across the school. Classrooms have some basic resources, but we keep most resources and equipment in the central Art and Design store. This room is not accessible to children.

## **Health and Safety**

All pupils will be made aware of the need to use equipment safely and to take responsibility for safe working, handling and storage of equipment. Staff are responsible for supervision of children during all Art and Design activities. All Art and Design equipment is subject to the required maintenance and safety checks.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The monitoring of the standards of children's work and quality of teaching in Art and Design is the responsibility of the Art and Design subject leader. The role of the subject leader involves the

support of colleagues in the teaching of Art and Design and being informed about current developments in the subject. The Subject Leader will also keep a portfolio of evidence of children's work.