

KS2 LOWER ART CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS



Art and design in Lower Key Stage 2 encourages children to explore, experiment and refine their artistic skills. They learn to use sketchbooks purposefully, investigate the techniques of great artists, and create imaginative, personal work using a variety of media.

Children should:

- Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- Become confident in using a range of materials and techniques
- Learn about great artists, architects and designers from different times and cultures and how their work can inspire new ideas.



Children will explore:

- Drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, collage and textiles.
- Art inspired by their wider topics – such as prehistoric cave art, Roman mosaics, and Viking design patterns.
- How to represent movement, emotion and perspective through composition, colour and texture.

They'll build on what they already know by experimenting and refining their techniques to express ideas more purposefully.



How will they learn?

Through practical lessons that encourage:

- Observation, experimentation and creativity.
- Discussion about their ideas and those of others.
- Using sketchbooks to plan, refine and reflect.
- Comparing and evaluating techniques and styles.



They will learn techniques related to:

- Colour and tone – blending, shading, and creating mood through warm and cool tones.
- Line, shape, and form – developing observation and control in sketching from real life and imagination.
- Pattern and texture – through printing, collage and mixed-media work.
- 3D form and structure – working with clay and other sculptural materials to create detailed, balanced shapes.

These skills help children create more complex, expressive artwork that shows thought and planning.



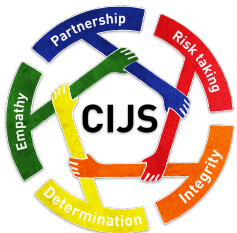
Children will:

- Study artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Henri Matisse, Hokusai, and William Morris, exploring how their ideas influence design and pattern.
- Learn to use sketchbooks to record, develop and evaluate their own ideas.
- Use the work of artists and craftspeople to inspire their own pieces, combining techniques and ideas in creative ways.

They begin to see that art is both personal and reflective of culture, time and place.

Art helps children:

- Develop control, focus and self-expression.
- Understand how art communicates ideas, feelings and beliefs.
- Appreciate art and design across different cultures and times.
- Build confidence to take creative risks and reflect on their work.





KS2L How can I help my child at home?

Your enthusiasm helps your child see art as an exciting way to express themselves and explore the world.

Provide sketchbooks, scrap paper or recycled materials for your child to draw and plan ideas.



Try using paints, pastels, collage, or clay – let them mix colours and textures to see what happens.

Visit galleries, exhibitions or explore virtual tours and look at paintings, sculptures or architecture and talk about how they make you feel.



Discuss colours, shapes, and patterns in nature, buildings, or everyday objects.

Display their artwork at home or photograph it to keep a record of their progress and imagination.

