



Art & Design Mission Statement

“There is no must in art because art is free.” Wassily Kandinsky

“Creativity takes courage.” Henri Matisse



Art & Design at the Woodland Federation

At both of our schools, our mission is to create a superb learning community that challenges children to acquire a thirst for knowledge. Art & Design teaches children how to develop, plan and create compositions. During their time at The Woodland Federation, they will hone and improve their drawing, painting, use of materials and textiles, sculptures, amongst many other exciting challenges!

At The Woodland Federation, we recognise that Art & Design is an exciting and creative subject. We value the opportunity for children to explore the range of artists that have contributed to our understanding and appreciation of art, whilst also enabling the children to develop and express themselves as artists in their own right.

Our curriculum has been designed to ensure links are made to both past and future learning, allowing children to build and consolidate their substantive knowledge throughout their education. By ensuring children have a secure understanding of key creations of the past, we believe they will be able to talk about how Art & Design has shaped our lives and will continue to shape the future. At the Woodland Federation, we pay close attention to the vocabulary required by a child to explain their thinking, to ask and answer questions and to draw conclusions.

We enable children to learn through ‘doing’ in art, rather than ‘watching’ or ‘writing.’ Whilst writing is highly valued within our school, we recognise that art requires a different set of skills and is important for a range of reasons. Children recognise the profile of Art, Design & Culture, learning about how it can impact their futures.

The Learning Objectives of each lesson draw from knowledge and skills taken directly from The National Curriculum. We have carefully selected key concepts to link learning to the wider curriculum. We are proud of the curriculum we have developed and believe the sequential nature and carefully planned lessons within our whole school planning allows our children to become passionate creators. Our curriculum is constantly refined and adapted to suit the needs of our learners and the ever-changing world around them.