

# The Woodlands Community Primary School

## Curriculum Intent Statement: (*Art and Design*)



The National Curriculum is the fundamental basis of our curriculum at Woodlands; the curriculum coverage, content and progression of knowledge and skills are outlined in detail in our long-term and medium-term planning documents. We believe in educating the whole child and as such, this curriculum in this subject also enhances these core elements:

	<p><b><u>Nature:</u></b> The Art and Design curriculum at the Woodlands interweaves creativity with our science learning to improve our understanding of our natural world. It enables us to use our senses to explore and learn about nature within our own local environment and the wider world. We learn about nature by responding creatively to observations of plants and animals as well as using natural objects to create simple representations.</p>
	<p><b><u>Creativity:</u></b> At the Woodlands we promote creativity through art and design by supporting children to express their thoughts, feeling and ideas, through the exploration of a range of different techniques and medias. By nurturing creativity and the ability to adapt and change, art and design helps us to ‘think outside the box’ when solving problems in other areas of learning and everyday life. It also helps us to develop emotional expression to further enhance our personal, social and emotional development.</p>
	<p><b><u>Comparison:</u></b> Art and Design comes in many forms, it is essential that we identify art extends beyond creating a picture. Through introduction to and exploration of a range of art skills and techniques, we develop our skills of comparison. We can compare modern day techniques with those in the past and consider why things have changed. We also learn to compare our own creations with those of our peers and the historical great artists, identifying what is similar and different.</p>
	<p><b><u>Significance:</u></b> Art and Design is an important part of our curriculum. By studying famous artists and artworks we are able to make links and understand how they have influenced the world we live in today. By exploring art alongside history, we are able to learn about historical events and the significant role art had in documenting these, as well as allowing people from different cultures and times to communicate with each other.</p>
	<p><b><u>Materials:</u></b> Exploring and understanding materials is an integral part of our art curriculum at the Woodlands. We learn through art to experiment with and explore a wide range of materials, which alongside our science curriculum, helps us to understand their properties and how they can be used.</p>