

MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PRIMARY ACADEMY



ARTS POLICY

The arts, which encompass performing arts, visual arts, art and design, media, and multimedia play an important role in the education of children in our school. These art forms are taught mainly through dance, drama, music, and art lessons.

We see the arts not just as a means of developing skills and techniques, or as an enhancement to other areas of the curriculum, but as a way of seeing, feeling, thinking, and responding to different stimuli. They also provide opportunities for developing self-esteem, confidence, and fostering positive behaviour.

There are many different art forms within each of the four broad art form areas, and often these are brought together through new forms of creative expression. For example, within literature, play script writing may be brought together with dance, drama, and music to make musical theatre. Sometimes art forms cannot be confined within one broad category. Popular music merges the boundaries between the performing arts and media/multimedia. We take a broad definition of the arts to include high art and popular culture, single and combined art forms, and art forms which use digital technology.

Aims

Our aims for the arts are to ensure that we:

- give each child an entitlement to a range of high-quality arts experiences, regardless of background and ability.
- make best use of resources inside and outside the school.
- make links with the community which strengthen and broaden the arts provision in school, including working with other schools and professional artists.
- use the arts as a teaching tool for other areas of the curriculum.

Implementation

The Range of Experiences

Opportunities to experience the arts occur throughout the school, through classroom teaching, individual instruction, and through network opportunities. Some skills in the arts require on-going development such as practising musical instruments, but we ensure that all children are provided with the opportunity to experience a variety of art forms. There are also opportunities for children to follow their own interests. Children have brass tuition as a class in Year 4 and can continue with small group or individual lessons in Year 5 and Year 6. KS2 children can also have individual piano tuition and other instruments.

Additional time is devoted to the arts for the practising and performing of musical and dramatic productions, Singfest (Y3 and Y4), Young Voices (Y5 and Y6), and during Creativity Week.

Staff from the Performing Art department at The Fallibroome Academy come in to teach music, dance or drama at varied points throughout the year to different year groups. This provides additional CPD for our staff.

Arts facilities

We have close links with The Fallibroome Academy and watch performances there. We are developing links with King's School and are using their performance hall for our Year 6 performances. The village hall has a stage with lighting and sound, and we use this for other performances. We also have our school hall, as well as an outdoor stage which we can use for drama and performances.