Burley St. Matthias
C of E Primary School

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Art & Design Curriculum Overview

Art and Design is taught in Years 1-6 using the 'Kapow' scheme.

Curriculum

Great care has been taken to ensure a wide variety of skills are covered and that children have opportunities to apply their skills towards more creative outcomes. Because many of the units are designed to take five lessons, there are suggested stand-alone lessons which can be used at the teacher's discretion.

Recording

A&D is recorded in a sketch book which will move with the child throughout their school life. These are good quality and are used to explore a range of material. Children can annotate their own work and will receive verbal feedback from teachers and peers but there will be no formal marking, dates or Learning Challenges written in. Having said that, units will begin with a 'Knowledge Catcher' and end with a quiz to define the units. The knowledge catcher will be added to, in green pen, at the end of the unit to show progression throughout the unit, whereas the sketchbooks will show progression throughout the child's time at BSM.

Monitoring and Assessment

A&D has a two-pronged assessment. The child's knowledge of the key skills can be somewhat assessed by using the 'Knowledge catcher' and the end of unit's quiz but much of the assessment will done through teacher's visual assessment of the child's work. Each unit has an assessment spreadsheet that can be filled in to state if pupils have a secure understanding of the objectives and skills. Assessment is based on teacher judgement and will be used to monitor progression. Although the unit is broken down into separate lessons, only an overall end of unit assessment is needed.

CPD

The Kapow scheme offers concise and extremely useful 'how to' videos for each unit and many of the lessons, ensuring a high standard of teaching and learning. There is a 'Teacher visual art assessment tool' to support teachers in their understanding of children's creative and technical skills at the year group they are in. There are additional CPD webinars that can be accessed to help teachers stay up-to-date with the latest teaching practices and develop new skills to enhance their teaching.