



Policy for the Arts



The Sylvester Primary School has a strong commitment to the Arts to ensure a full and rounded education for our pupils within and across each key stage. We believe studying the Arts is vital to the development of pupils and allows them the opportunity to discover and nurture their own talents.

Aim

Our aim is to enable pupils to gain expertise and confidence, to promote a culture of creativity and self-expression, which together, offer a way of developing the talent of the individual pupil and their understanding of the diverse, complex and ever-changing world around them.

Objectives

- to develop an awareness and enthusiasm for the Arts, particularly Art, Drama, Dance, Music and Creative Writing
- To encourage and provide opportunities for cross-curricular links through the implementation of a Creative Curriculum.
- to provide rich experiences of the arts through participation and observation
- to understand the process of planning, creating, presenting and evaluating
- to support the school arts programme with a wide network of external partners and providers, e.g. cultural organisations, museums, galleries and Knowsley Performing Arts
- Continually develop a more creative approach to teaching and learning through the arts
- To promote a collaborative approach to curriculum development within a cluster of schools, with a focus on creative learning
- To develop understanding and appreciation of different cultures through the arts

Implementation

- Through the core and foundation subjects of the National Curriculum, children are introduced to four artform areas: literature; performing arts; visual arts, craft and design; media and multimedia
- Through developing links and continuing to work with external agencies and artists
- Through continuous emphasis on thematic planning ensuring diverse artforms are integral to medium term plans
- Through provision of extra-curricular activities and after school clubs, e.g. dance, choir, musical instruments and young voices

- Continue to raise the profile of the arts within school and the wider school community through the dissemination of good practice

Continuing Professional Development

The development and sustainability of staff skills remains an ongoing commitment in our professional development programme. The wide range of artforms requires teachers to broaden their own knowledge, skills and understanding through first-hand experience of working with creatives in their class environment and through other training opportunities. Teachers are given the opportunity to work individually, in key stage and curriculum teams and as a whole staff on activities to develop and refresh their own creativity.

Arts Entitlement

- All pupils will be given the opportunity to enjoy a variety of creative experiences and express themselves through a range of artforms
- All pupils will have the opportunity to visit a theatre , gallery or art exhibition during their time at school
- All pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in school productions, concerts and dance performances
- All pupils will have the opportunity to take part in workshops with artists, musicians, poets, sculptors, dancers
- All pupils will be encouraged to take part in local and national competitions in art, design, music, creative writing and poetry
- All teaching and non-teaching staff will have the opportunity to further develop their creative skills and thinking