

THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

Art Curriculum Overview - Lower School (Years 1-4)

Core Knowledge UK (Civitas)

Whole School Curriculum Map

Year Group	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Year 1	Drawing and Mark Making; Colour and Mixing; Exploring Materials	Printing and Pattern; Shapes and Texture; Observational Drawing	Painting and Colour; Collage and Composition; Inspired by Nature	Sculpture and 3D Forms; Working with Clay; Model Making	Artists and Their Work; Exploring Famous Artists; Creative Response	Mixed Media and Design; Evaluating and Improving; Personal Project
Year 2	Drawing Skills; Lines and Shapes; Self-Portrait	Printing Techniques; Repeating Patterns; Colour and Design	Painting Techniques; Colour Mixing; Still Life	Sculpture and Form; Natural Materials; 3D Creations	Textiles and Collage; Weaving and Fabric; Inspired by Culture	Design and Make; Observational Art; Evaluating Artwork
Year 3	Tonal Drawing; Shading and Texture; Observational Skills	Prehistoric Art; Cave Paintings; Natural Pigments	Painting and Washes; Landscape Art; Perspective	Sculpture and Relief; Clay Techniques; Ancient Civilisations	Printing Methods; Mono Printing; Pattern and Shape	Artists and Styles; Comparing Artworks; Creative Response
Year 4	Perspective Drawing; Buildings and Structures; Cityscapes	Printing and Textiles; Block Printing; Pattern and Repetition	Painting Techniques; Light and Shadow; Mood and Atmosphere	Sculpture and Construction; Mixed Media; Abstract Forms	Artists and Movements; Modern Art; Analysing Artwork	Design and Craft; Product Design; Evaluating and Improving

Curriculum Intent

- Inspire creativity and imagination
- Develop technical skills and artistic techniques
- Explore the work of artists, craftspeople and designers
- Build cultural understanding and appreciation
- Encourage self-expression and confident risk-taking
- Follow a coherent, cumulative sequence of knowledge and skills

Document Owner: Art Lead

Implementation

- Art is taught through high-quality lessons using Core Knowledge Art & Design textbooks (Civitas)
- Pupils explore a wide range of media, techniques and processes
- Sketchbooks are used to develop ideas, practise skills and record learning
- Cross-curricular links enrich and deepen learning
- Key vocabulary and knowledge are explicitly taught and revisited
- Pupils reflect, evaluate and improve their work

Review Cycle: Annual

Impact

- Develop a wide range of artistic skills and techniques
- Create original, imaginative and high-quality artwork
- Know about great artists, craftspeople and designers
- Evaluate and improve their own and others' work
- Take pride in their achievements
- Be prepared for further learning in art and beyond

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