

Fulwell Infant School Academy



The Arts curriculum statement

Foundation Stage

The Arts falls within 'Expressive Arts and Design' in the Early Years Foundation Stage. At Fulwell Infant School Academy children's creativity is extended by the provision of support for their curiosity, exploration and play. Children are provided with opportunities to explore and share their thoughts, ideas and feelings, through a variety of art, music, movement, dance, imaginative and role play activities.

Key Stage 1

The Arts are a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. The general requirements are set out in the National Curriculum . Within this pupils are taught:

- To record from first-hand observation, experience and imagination, and explore ideas.
- To ask and answer questions about the starting points for their work, and develop their ideas.
- To investigate the possibilities of a range of materials and processes.
- To try out tools and techniques and apply these to materials and processes.
- To represent observations, ideas and feelings, and design and make images and artefacts.
- To evaluate what they and others have done and say what they think and feel about it.
- To identify what they might change in their current work or develop in their future work.
- About the differences and similarities in the work of artists and musicians in different times and cultures.

Our curriculum reflects the importance we place on the arts at Fulwell Infant School Academy. All classes have timetabled sessions to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum (2014). Each arts subject is timetabled weekly for art & design, dance and music. Drama is timetabled through other subjects, particularly within creative writing. In addition, 'arts week' expressive arts block offers an extensive range of planned opportunities around a theme. Teachers use a variety of strategies to teach the arts from the use of computing, visits, workshops in school by visiting practitioners, teacher exposition, discussion, practical work, practise of basic skills, first-hand experience and investigative open-ended activities. We are committed to running at least one arts visit in each year group, each year. We annually perform at Sunderland recorder play days, the city dance festival and at events such as 'Music in Mowbray'.