



Art Curriculum Intent at St John's Catholic Primary School, Trowbridge.

At St John's Catholic Primary School, we believe that all of our children are entitled to an art education that is inspiring and diverse; one which sparks a love of art and creativity as well as developing skills in a range of materials.

The Catholic Social Teaching (Caritas in Action by Diocese of Salford) underpins the teaching and learning of our Art Curriculum where children are constantly 'Recognising and helping others to find their gift and share it' and 'Enabling each other to aim high' (The Dignity of work). It is with this in mind that we have very high expectations in art and nurture each child's God-given gift of creativity. The Catholic Social Teaching is evident in the range of Artists that we study across the school as the children are exposed to a diverse range of artists; chosen specifically for their culture, gender and faiths.

As laid out in the National Curriculum the 'Purpose of study Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. A high-quality art and design education will 'Engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.' Pupils are able to 'Think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design.' When exploring different media, artists, designers, craftspeople and historical art, children will 'Know how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation.'

In Art and Design, our children are expected to be reflective learners, so they can keep improving; experimenting with ideas and taking risks. We also encourage children to question art through what they see. We foster a learning environment where children are encouraged to build their confidence and to discover and develop their own artistic gifts and talents. In RE, children use art to study artists' interpretation of stories from the Old and New Testament; identifying symbols and link these to the Christian faith and expressing their own ideas and feelings.

We believe a child's mind is capable of creating innovative and powerful work. It is our job as a school to help children enjoy the whole process of learning in and through art.