



The Merton Primary School
To be the best we can be.

Art Intent Statement

At the Merton, we feel Art and Design is a powerful vehicle for developing inclusivity and diversity which contribute significantly to the cultural capital of our pupils. The teaching of Art and Design stimulates the imagination and creativity. It facilitates visual, tactile and sensory experiences that allow pupils to experiment with line, shape, colour, pattern, texture, form and space. Pupils develop the self-confidence in their ability to use these elements, investigate their creativity and learn about the role of art. We believe our Art and Design curriculum engages, inspires and challenges our pupils to be the best they can be. Our school's vision threads are interwoven into learning, equipping pupils with the knowledge and skills to imagine, experiment and create their own artwork. Art and Design is taught through a cross-curricular approach, where knowledge and skills are contextualised within topics, allowing pupils to make purposeful links with artists from different times and cultures. The curriculum is designed to ensure pupils develop their substantive knowledge through the history of art and its influence on contemporary life. Enabling pupils to understand the historical and cultural development of artists, craft makers, designers and different art forms. This knowledge will allow our pupils to make informed decisions about what they see and recognise how art makes them feel. They will also construct their disciplinary knowledge by using and combining their interpretation of the elements to explore ideas, design, create, adapt and appraise pieces of artwork using artistic vocabulary. The Merton's Art and Design curriculum is designed to ensure knowledge and skills are built upon and consolidated each year. The revisiting of knowledge and skills each year will embed and deepen learning in different contexts. This sets the foundations for future learning, allowing our pupils to have a secure mastery of drawing, painting, sculpture, craft and design techniques enabling them to become artists of the future!