

St Michael's CE Primary School

Our Curriculum Drivers: Art & Design

Curiosity	Determination & Resilience	Responsibility
Art and Design at St Michael's encourages children to explore their creativity with curiosity and imagination. Pupils are inspired to experiment with materials, techniques, and ideas, discovering how art can express emotions, tell stories, and reflect the world around them. We nurture a sense of wonder and excitement in the process of making and responding to art. <i>"Fostering the joy of anticipation, investigation and discovery."</i>	Creating art requires perseverance and a willingness to take risks. We support children in developing resilience when refining their work, learning from mistakes, and embracing challenges. Through artistic exploration, pupils build confidence, pride, and problem-solving skills, learning that determination leads to growth and self-expression. <i>"We want children to develop and hold attitudes and abilities including self-awareness, resilience, assertiveness, creativity, pride, problem solving and self-advocacy skills."</i>	Art and Design helps children understand the importance of responsibility in their creative choices. Pupils learn to respect materials, their own work, and the work of others. They explore how art can influence opinions, reflect values, and impact communities, developing an awareness of how their artistic voice can be used thoughtfully and responsibly. <i>"Responsibility involves making decisions, being trusted, and learning to take credit for one's actions – whether good or bad."</i>