

St Michael's CE Primary School

Art & Design Curriculum Overview



Year	Cycle A 2026-2027			Cycle B 2027-2028		
	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS Year 1 & 2	Explore and Draw — drawing, mark-making and composition 	Exploring Watercolour — colour, paint and experimentation 	Making Birds — drawing developed into 3D sculpture 	Exploring the World Through Monoprint — drawing and experimental printmaking 	Flora and Fauna — observational drawing and collage 	Be an Architect — drawing, imagination and 3D construction 
Year 3 & 4	Exploring Still Life — observational drawing, tone and composition 	Cloth Thread and Paint — painting, textiles and mixed media 	Sculpture and Structure — construction, form, balance and surface 	Working with Shape and Colour — painting, collage and composition 	Telling Stories Through Making — drawing, narrative and sculpture 	Exploring Pattern and Print — observational drawing, pattern and relief printing 
Year 5 & 6	Typography and Maps — drawing, lettering, design and visual communication 	Mixed-Media Land and Cityscapes — painting, collage, texture and composition 	Architectural Design — drawing, spatial thinking and 3D construction 	Exploring Identity — portraiture, drawing, collage and visual storytelling 	Print and Activism — printmaking, graphic communication and art with a social purpose 	Fashion Design — drawing, pattern, textiles and developing ideas from 2D into 3D 

The curriculum is organised as a two-year rolling programme to meet the needs of the school's mixed-age classes. Pupils complete three art units each year. Across each cycle, they revisit and build practical, theoretical and disciplinary knowledge through drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, textiles, mixed media, sculpture and three-dimensional work.