

We have a shared vision for art and design. We believe that art is for everybody and should be something that we can all enjoy and is an important part of our personal development.

We offer the opportunity for children to work on family art and design projects, often with a cross curricular theme. This has included Christmas story box competitions and Space Week home projects. Children also have the chance to partake in competitions such as the Amanda Milling Christmas card competition.

Themed art days are organised by the art leader. We also link art and design to celebration days, STEAM week activities and seasonal events.

We have a clear progression of art and design skills and techniques that are applied, revisited and built upon in each topic in each phase.

We have fun exploring different kinds of art, craft and design. Across our two year planning cycle, children cover the 6 main areas of art and design: drawing, painting, printing, collage, sculpture and textiles. They have the opportunity to learn about inspirational artists and use their work to inspire their own. Our art themes are also linked to other areas of the curriculum where possible.



Growing together, hand in hand

Art and design at Gorsemoor

What does it look like?



Art and design helps us to develop our confidence to be creative and imaginative and to experiment with our ideas. We have our own sketchbooks and are encouraged to be courageous and take risks with our work. We are learning to make and accept mistakes and celebrate our own and our classmates' successes.

Our teaching and learning builds upon 5 key concepts:

- Making skills
- Generating ideas
- Formal elements
- Knowledge of artists
- Evaluating

We focus on learning technical skills within our art lessons such as colour mixing, shading techniques and creating tone and texture. We also practise different techniques such as printing

We welcome visiting artists into school to work with children and offer training to staff.

Art is not just confined to the classroom. We utilise our outdoor area to create art using natural resources and materials, such as flowers and leaves, to create pictures and designs.

Throughout the year, as part of our art and design curriculum, children have the opportunity to participate in art and design after school clubs such as art club, Christmas craft club and cartoon drawing club.