



Art

At St Alphege

At St Alphege we pride ourselves in delivering a vibrant and exciting, creative art curriculum which also punctuates all learning opportunities throughout our school. As a Platinum awarded Arts Mark school we celebrate the power of the arts to ensure that all children are given opportunities to express themselves creatively through a wide range of artistic forms.

Our dynamic progression of skills begins at the initial stages of nursery and runs throughout our yearly teaching to the end of Year 2. Every term, children learn about a famous or local artist, exploring these whilst bringing to life a diversity of artistic skills. Each year, children build on their knowledge of colour mixing, painting, 3d work, printing, collage, textiles, mixed media and drawing, inspiring them to become self-reflective and being able to think critically about their personal progress.



We believe that every child is an artist and that creative engagement gives children a much needed chance to express their ideas, raise their self-esteem, develop their creativity and imagination, as well as offering them time to relax and stimulate their mental well-being. Art stimulates all areas of areas of a child's development, promoting positive social-emotional, cognitive, language and physical development. Art is essential for all children to thrive and flourish.

Early Years

Art is fundamental to the Early Years and supports learning in all areas of the curriculum. The main Early Learning Goals for Art fall into the Expressive Arts and Design and the Being Imaginative category.

By the end of reception pupils will:

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques
- Explore colour changing and mixing
- Explore different textures and ways to represent these
- Use what they have learnt in original ways,





thinking about uses and purpose

- Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through art.

Key Stage 1

The national curriculum for art ensures that all children should be taught:



- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft, makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.