

## Art

At Poulton Lancelyn the aim of Art across the curriculum is to stimulate children's creativity and imagination through visual, tactile and sensory experiences. Art is used to explore various cultures to broaden the education of pupils.

Throughout their time at school children will have opportunities to link Art to cultural and community events as they occur, children also take part in whole school themed art days each year. Clear learning intentions are displayed for each lesson and planning for lessons includes one or more aspect from the Art Skills and Knowledge Ladder (Focus Education). Planning effectively builds upon the children's prior knowledge so that children's learning is progressive throughout their education with a whole school coverage document kept up to date by the Art Subject Leaders.

Skills are taught and knowledge developed with age and physical development in mind and to a high standard, for example how to hold a paintbrush, how much paint to use and how to create effective brushstrokes. During lessons children are taught to use colour, pattern, form and texture to communicate what they see, feel and think.

As well as practical art, lessons ensure pupils learn about the work of other artists and the history of art, looking at various art movements. Lessons link with other areas of the curriculum where possible, for example computing (photography/ editing/ computer drawing programmes) or English where art is created in response to the literature being studied. Children's work can be critiqued through teacher dialogue, through the children's own personal assessment of their work or by responding to the work of their peers; remembering art is a personal response to a stimulus.

Children keep a sketchbook of their skills work and their achievements in art are recorded and tracked by staff to help ensure all children have the opportunity to achieve their potential in each Art unit of work. We believe that art lends itself to a huge range of cultural opportunities which should be celebrated and used to enrich the education of our pupils.

