

‘Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.’

- Harvey Fierstein

Rationale – Why do we teach Art?

Art allows us to embody some of the highest forms of human creativity. Art is a visual statement that reflects and represents the world around us. It can communicate ideas, express a feeling or emotion and can even present an interesting design. Children are encouraged, like artists, to explore and develop ideas by experimenting with different materials and media and evaluating their own and others work. Studying the work of famous artists, helps children to develop their communication skills and gain an understanding of artistic opinion. Children will also know how art can both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our world. Art therefore is a great way to engage pupils in other areas of learning and is used across the curriculum as a means for children to express themselves through creativity.

What are the aims of the Art curriculum?

At Tittensor, we want to inspire our pupils’ to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design. Whilst learning about current and historical artists, they will develop their investigative and critical thinking skills. We believe that Art should focus on stimulating the children’s imagination and experimental side while learning about the visual and tactile elements of media such as; chalk, oil, paints and clay. Through discussing existing art works, we aim for the children to develop a sense of cultural understanding. The way the Art curriculum at Tittensor is organised gives children the opportunity to study the key areas of drawing, painting, printing and three-dimensional sculpture multiple times and elaborate on previous learning.

What do we expect within the teaching of Art?

At Tittensor, we expect that all teachers fully engage with the Art curriculum. Our art curriculum follows the National Curriculum objectives and is continually reviewed so that it is meaningful for the children of Tittensor. Art is taught at least once a week for at least 60 minutes. We expect children to have the use of quality art resources so that lessons are well-planned and delivered. Children will respond to leading questions in each session through: group/class discussions, written responses, drawings, sketchings, paintings, 3D work, textiles, collage, printings, IT work. Teachers assess the learning of Art using the outcomes of each session and record this assessment half termly.

All data and assessment is recorded and stored on DCPro for monitoring and evidence purposes.

What is taught in Art at Tittensor?

Focus/Unit	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Artist Focus			✓	✓	✓	✓
Painting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sketching	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drawing			✓	✓	✓	✓
3D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Printing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of IT			✓	✓	✓	✓
Textiles					✓	✓