

Art Curriculum Overview - Year 1

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	<p>Spirals <i>Drawing & Sketchbooks</i></p>	<p>Pupils become familiar with creating drawings using their whole body, whilst experiencing a range of drawing materials. Pupils discover an artist and will demonstrate their understanding of the artist's work by responding through a making challenge and peer discussion. Pupils consolidate their understanding of how they can make spiral drawings using their whole bodies by making "snail drawings". Pupils push exploration of different qualities of line, colour blending, and mark making using chalk and oil pastels. Pupils become familiar with what a sketchbook can be used for. They will make or personalise their own sketchbooks, demonstrating that they have ownership of their sketchbook and understand that it is a platform for personal creative risk taking. Pupils become familiar with the idea that they can make drawings through observation. Pupils show an understanding of what a continuous line drawing is and have had the opportunity to experiment with scale, line and materials. Pupils reflect on their drawings over the half term, sharing what they like and what they would like to try again through peer discussion.</p>
Autumn Two	<p>Making Birds <i>Working in Three Dimensions</i></p>	<p>Pupils become familiar with using film as a source to create observational drawings of birds. Pupils look carefully and slowly as they draw, creating a range of different marks and line using B pencils, handwriting pens and pastels. Pupils create drawings of feathers working from real life. They will recall the mark making that they have used throughout the year and will continue to explore new ways of making marks. Pupils work in sketchbooks or on large pieces of paper to experiment with how paper size changes the nature of mark making. Pupils demonstrate that they can create marks with a range of materials and have made conscious choices about which materials they want to use. Pupils demonstrate that they can intuitively transform paper to create 3d forms by tearing, crumpling, and collaging. Pupils demonstrate this by either making rubbings, turning paper into feathers or manipulating paper 2d into 3d. In each of the activities, pupils will explore and invent to develop their making and creativity skills. Pupils engage with artists' work to think about and articulate what it is they think of the artwork in their sketchbooks or in class discussion. They draw upon the skills learnt in week 1, 2 & 3 to make choices about materials and structures to create their own sculptures of birds. Pupils demonstrate an understanding of how to make things balance through exploration and play. Pupils collaborate to create a flock of birds using their individual sculptures. Pupils engage in class discussion about their individual and collective work.</p>
Spring One	<p>Exploring Watercolour <i>Surface and Colour</i></p>	<p>Pupils become familiar with what watercolour can do. They use both primary colours and secondary colours in their exploration, experimenting with accidental and purposeful colour mixing. Pupils be introduced to the following techniques: wash, wet on dry, wet on wet, and mark making. Pupils share their responses to the work of artists Paul Klee and Emma Burleigh. They express their thoughts and feelings verbally in response to questions during class discussion. Pupils also use their sketchbooks to process the information in a visual way and make it their own. Pupils work in large scale to continue their exploration of the marks that can be made with watercolour. Pupils use their imaginations to identify the stories emerging in their paintings. Pupils work into their dry paintings using pen, pencils and crayons to build upon their paintings and to see how the materials react on watercolour. Pupils reflect on their work over the half term, sharing what they like and what they would like to try again through peer discussion</p>

Art is taught on a carousel with Design Technology, which is then taught for the remainder of the year.